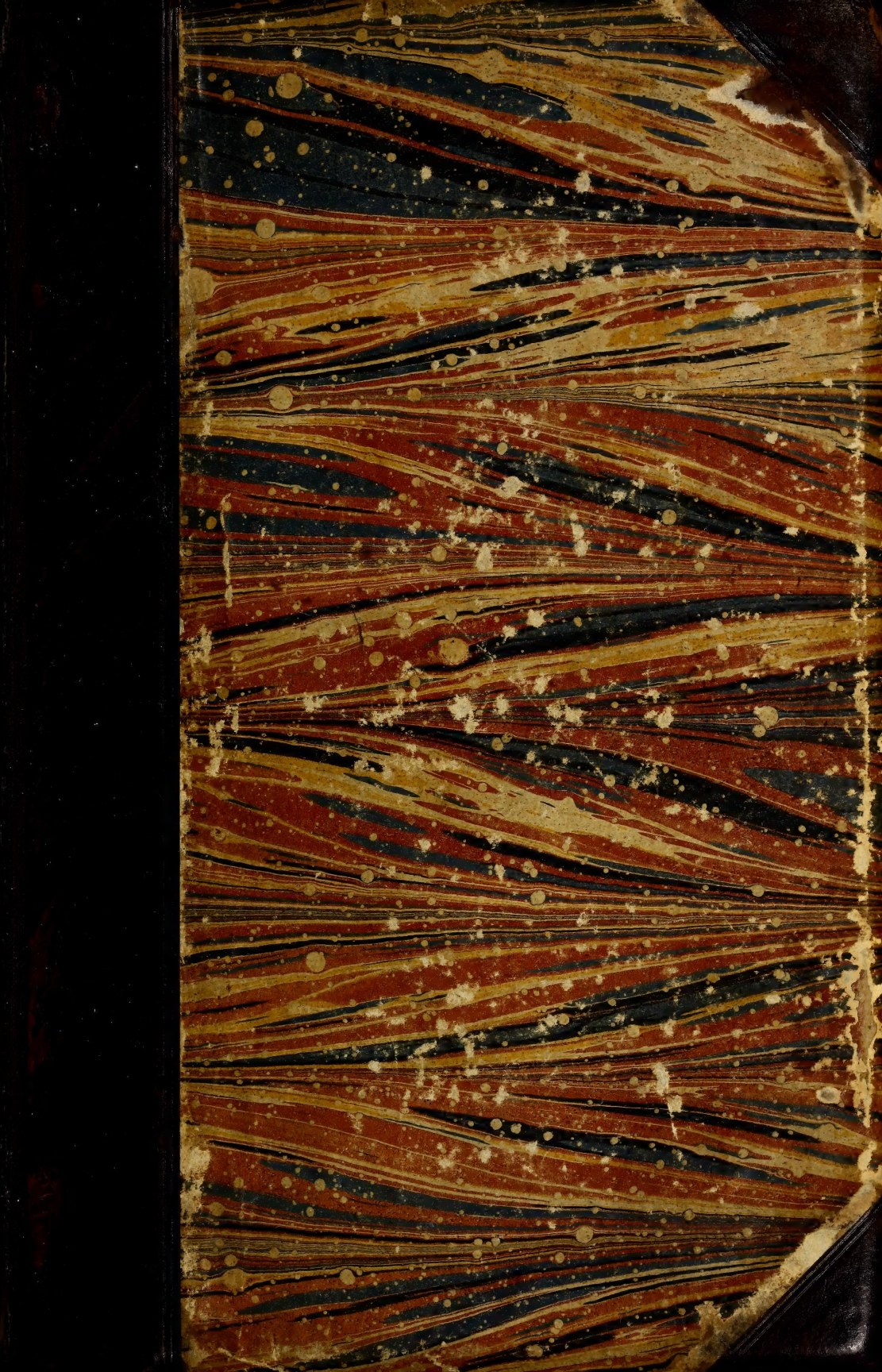

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OF THE

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OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF OHIO,

AT ITS

SEVERAL GRAND COMMUNICATIONS,

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INTRODUCTION.

On the 4th day of January, *anno Lucis* 5808, a preliminary meeting of Delegates from all the Lodges then in Ohio — six in number — was convened at Chillicothe, to deliberate upon the propriety of forming a Grand Lodge, to take Masonic cognizance of the Craft within the State; and if found expedient, to inaugurate measures for the organization of such body. The six Lodges then working in Ohio were respectively located one each in the towns of Marietta, Cincinnati, Chillicothe, Worthington, Warren, and Zanesville; and had derived their charters from the various Grand Lodges of the States whence their members had emigrated to Ohio. Hence, some degree of diversity in the mode of conducting their labors, and of imparting Masonic information, was found to exist among the Brethren of these Lodges. This consideration, added to the intrinsic propriety of the measure itself, prevailed in the councils of the Convention, and led to an unanimous acquiescence in the necessity for instituting an independent, indigenous Masonic government, adapted to their condition, and emanating from their choice.

That Convention consisted of twelve Delegates, one of whom was the Chief Magistrate of the State, and a large proportion of whom were men of note in their day, and enstamped the impress of their character upon the times in which they lived. Of that fraternal band, one only — the stanch and venerable Premier of the Republic — now survives. The others, having finished their earthly labors, have been summoned to the refreshment that awaits all faithful Craftsmen, in that celestial Lodge not made with hands, eternal in the heavens — where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

The Convention continued its deliberations through four consecutive days; and its labors resulted in the unanimous adoption of a resolution proposed by Brother *Lewis Cass*, declaratory of the opinion "*That it is expedient to form a* Grand Lodge *in the State of Ohio.*" This point in their deliberations having been thus harmoniously reached, it remained for them to adopt the proper measures to give force and efficacy to that resolution. They accordingly drafted and adopted a few simple Rules, couched in the form of resolutions, for the formation of a Grand Lodge, defining its powers and prescribing its duties: among which was one appointing as the time,

the first Monday in January, in the year of our Lord 1809, and Chillicothe as the place, for holding the first Grand Communication of said Grand Lodge. To perfect the organization, the Delegates then proceeded to elect by ballot the appointed officers of the Grand Lodge; having done which, they verified the whole proceedings by each member formally affixing his signature to the record, and the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

The GRAND LODGE convened at the time and place designated; and has ever since continued to hold its stated Grand Communications from time to time down to the present. Occasional changes of the particular period for holding these Communications have transpired, as from January to December, December to June, and June to October, as the exigencies of the Grand Lodge or the convenience of its members rendered expedient—the longest interval of recess being from January, 1836, to June, 1837. Its transactions at these several Grand Communications were published, but in very limited numbers, comprised in pamphlets of very few pages each year. These pamphlets were distributed to the few Lodges then in existence, and having served their temporary purpose, were laid aside, like the evanescent literature of the day, and in most cases permitted to go to utter loss and oblivion. Even the Grand Lodge itself failed to use the ordinary precaution of preserving so much as a single file of its own published proceedings! Consequently, as new Lodges came into existence from year to year, there remained no means at hand for supplying them so necessary a guide for their conduct, as these annual transactions could alone furnish.

Thus it came to pass that the Grand Lodge of Ohio had a history unknown to its present membership—teeming with matters utile to the fraternity—growing with every successive year—and in which every of its Craftsmen has an abiding interest—but to which they had no means of access. This condition of affairs had been going forward for near half a century, when, at the annual Grand Communication at Zanesville, in October, A. D. 1856, the Grand Lodge resolved, "That a Committee of three members be appointed to collate and cause to be reprinted, a volume of as near as may be 600 pages octavo, of the Transactions of the Grand Lodge during the first years of its organization"—with instructions to "have an edition of 1500 copies of such volume ready for delivery and subject to the disposal of the Grand Lodge at its next annual Grand Communication." And the M. W. Grand Master was thereupon pleased to appoint Brothers *William B. Thrall, William B. Dodds and Horace M. Stokes* to constitute said Committee.

In carrying into effect the resolve and instruction of the Grand Lodge, the Committee were left very much to their own discretion. It has been their aim to bring within the convenient compass of a single volume, as large a portion as practicable of these proceedings; and chiefly with this view they have employed a smaller type than otherwise would have been

their choice. By so doing, however, they are enabled to embrace in the volume, the Transactions of the Grand Lodge during the first forty years from its formation. They were further impelled to this course from an economic view of the subject; as they thereby secure a much greater amount of matter, without the corresponding increase of cost on account of paper, press-work and binding, which would have resulted from the use of the larger type.

The Grand Lodge, now for the first time, places within the reach of its Subordinates, and of individual members of the Fraternity, a complete, continuous and authentic record of its Transactions, for the forty years of its earliest existence. In so doing, she is believed to have at once performed a duty eminently incumbent upon herself—conferred a benefit which cannot but be highly appreciated by the Craft—and recognized a debt of filial gratitude which can never be canceled, to the memory and virtues of the eminent Brethren now at rest, who gave to it their cheerful labors and prayerful consideration, in the days of its infantile weakness.

The Committee dare not indulge the hope that their labors will be found altogether faultless; they may, however, be permitted to say in all sincerity, that they have, though sometimes under circumstances of disadvantage, endeavored with faithful assiduity to discharge the delicate and arduous duties devolved upon them by the Grand Lodge. And with this assurance on their part—trusting to fraternal liberality to extenuate for whatever may appear erroneous in the work—they respectfully submit the volume to a discerning brotherhood, and a candid public.

June 18, A. D. 1857.

PROCEEDINGS

OF A

GRAND CONVENTION

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF THE

STATE OF OHIO.

HELD AT CHILLICOTHE, JAN. 4, A. D. 1808.

[Imprint: Bro. PETER PARCELS, Chillicothe.]

AT a meeting of delegates from all the Lodges in this State, at Chillicothe, on the first Monday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight, and in the year of Light five thousand eight hundred and eight, were present, to wit:

From Union Lodge, No. 1.—Brothers ROBERT OLIVER, R. A., ICHABOD NYE, R. A., WILLIAM SKINNER, R. A.

From Cincinnati Lodge. No. 13.—THOMAS HENDERSON, M. M., FRANCIS MENNESSIER, M. M.

From Scioto Lodge, No 2 —THOMAS GIBSON, R. A., ELIAS LANGHAM, R. A.

From New England Lodge, No 48 —JAMES KILBOURN

From Erie Lodge, No. 47 —GEORGE TOD, P. M., JOHN SEELY, P. M.

From Amity Lodge, No. 105.—ISAAC VAN HORN, P. M., LEWIS CASS, R. A.

Brother ROBERT OLIVER was called to the Chair, and Brother *George Tod* was appointed Secretary.

The credentials presented by the delegates from Union Lodge, from Cincinnati Lodge, from Scioto Lodge, from Amity Lodge, and from Erie Lodge, were examined and pronounced satisfactory—they accordingly took their seats in Convention.

The credentials of the delegates from New England Lodge were taken into consideration: whereupon, objections arising thereto,

On motion, the further consideration thereof was postponed, to be resumed to-morrow evening.

The following resolution was moved by Brother *Cass*, and seconded by Brother *Seely:* "That it it expedient to form a Grand Lodge in this State." A debate arising thereon, an adjournment was called for:—whereupon, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow evening, at six o'clock.

JANUARY 5, A. D. 1808.

In pursuance to adjournment, the Convention met at six o'clock, P. M. Present as yesterday.

The credentials of the delegates from the New England Lodge were again taken into consideration, on which it was moved by Brother *Langham*, that the delegates from New England Lodge be not permitted to take a seat in this Convention: whereupon, it was resolved that the delegates from that Lodge do not take a seat.

It was further resolved that the Convention vote by Lodges—one vote to each.

The resolution moved yesterday, "That it is expedient to form a Grand Lodge in the State of Ohio," was unanimously agreed to.

It was moved by Brother *Langham*, and seconded by Brother *Cass*, that a commission of five be appointed to draft and report to this Convention rules to carry into effect the foregoing provisions; and on the question the same was agreed to.

Brothers Oliver, Nye, Van Horn, Henderson and Gibson were appointed to compose that commission.

Instructions were given this commission to make report at the next adjourned meeting of this Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening, at six o'clock.

JANUARY 7th, A. D. 1808.

In pursuance to adjournment, the Convention met. Present as yesterday.

Brother *Van Horn*, chairman of the commission appointed to report rules to carry into effect the foregoing provisions, handed in the following report, which was read and agreed to, to wit:

The commission appointed on the fifth instant, to prepare resolutions for carrying into effect a resolution previously passed in Convention, viz: "It is expedient to form a Grand Lodge in the State of Ohio," do report as follows:

Resolved, That a Grand Lodge be formed, to be known and styled the *Grand Lodge of Ohio*, whose powers shall be to grant Charters and Dispensations, on proper application, to all such as shall apply and shall be deemed worthy,—and shall have jurisdiction over the same,—and shall in all respects be clothed with full powers, as a Grand Lodge, according to ancient and due form, and agreeably to the rules and land-marks of *Masonry*.

Resolved, That this Convention now proceed to the choice of Grand Officers to compose the said Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the said Grand Lodge do hold their first Grand Communication on the

first Monday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, unless sooner convened by the order of the R. W. Grand Master, which Grand Communication shall be held at whatever place the Legislature of Ohio shall then be in session; *Provided*, That if the Right Worshipful Grand Master shall think proper to call a Grand Communication before the first Monday of January next, the same shall convene at Chillicothe.

Resolved, That the several Lodges now represented in this Convention, prior to the first Grand Communication of the proposed Grand Lodge, do transmit to their respective Grand Lodges their several Lodge dues, and request a certificate thereof.

Resolved, That at the first Grand Communication, it shall be the duty of each Lodge now in Convention, to transmit their several Charters, and a copy of their By-Laws, together with the certificates obtained from their respective Grand Lodges, which Charters shall be disposed of as the Grand Lodge shall direct; and they shall issue new Charters to the said Lodges herein represented, numbering them in their order, beginning with the Charter of the most ancient date.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention do transmit to the Grand Master elect, a certified copy of the proceedings of this Convention, and in its name request his acceptance of the office he is elected to fill, and that he take such measures as to him shall seem proper, in order to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.

Whereupon the resolutions were read by the Secretary, and severally agreed to.

The Convention then preceeded to elect, by ballot, the following officers of the Grand Lodge, viz:

Brother RUFUS PUTNAM, Rt. W. Grand Master.
" THOMAS HENDERSON, Rt. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" GEORGE TOD, Rt. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" ISAAC VAN HORN, Rt. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" HENRY MASSIE, Grand Treasurer.
" DAVID PUTNAM, Grand Secretary.
" PHILEMON BEECHER, Grand Senior Deacon.
" LEVIN BELT, Grand Junior Deacon.
" CHARLES AUGUSTUS STEUART, Grand Marshal.
" PETER SPURCK, Grand Tyler.

Convention then adjourned until Saturday evening, six o'clock.

JANUARY 8th, 1808.

In pursuance to adjournment, the Convention met. Were present as yesterday.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention subscribe these their proceedings; and that the Secretary furnish the delegates of each Lodge in this Convention, with an accurate copy thereof.

Done in Convention, at Chillicothe, the eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight.

ROBERT OLIVER, ICHABOD NYE, WILLIAM SKINNER, } *Delegates from Union Lodge, No.* 1.
THOMAS HENDERSON, FRANCIS MENNESSIER, } *Delegates from Cincinnati Lodge, No.* 13.
THOMAS GIBSON, ELIAS LANGHAM, } *Delegates from Scioto Lodge, No.* 2.
JOHN SEELY, GEORGE TOD, } *Delegates from Erie Lodge, No.* 47.
ISAAC VAN HORN, LEWIS CASS, } *Delegates from Amity Lodge, No.* 105.

Attest, GEORGE TOD, *Secretary.*

This certifies that the preceding is a correct copy of the original in my possession. GEORGE TOD, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

JANUARY 2, A. D. 1809.

Bro. Samuel Huntington, *M. W. Grand Master.*

At a Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held at Chillicothe, in the State of Ohio, on Monday, the second day of January, A. L. 5809—A. D. 1809, the day appointed by the Grand Convention for the first Grand Communication of said Grand Lodge—Present:

Brother Thomas Henderson, R. W. D. G. Master, in the Chair.
" George Tod, R. W. S. G. Warden.
" Wm. H. Puthuff, R. W. J. G. Warden, *pro tem.*
" Lewis Cass, W. G. T., *pro tem.*
" Russel E. Post, W. G. Secretary, *pro tem.*
" Philemon Beecher, G. S. Deacon.
" Levin Belt, G. J. Deacon.
" Chas. A. Steuart, G. Marshal.
" Peter Spurck, G. Tyler.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master not attending, the Deputy Grand Master took the Chair, and the Lodge was opened in due form, and according to ancient usage.

The delegates from the several Lodges represented in the Grand Lodge, produced their credentials, as follows: From Scioto Lodge, No. 2, a certificate of the appointment of the delegates from said Lodge, the Charter and By-Laws of said Lodge; from the Lodge of Amity, No. 105, letters of credence to their delegates, their Charter and By-Laws; from Erie Lodge, No. 47, a certificate of the appointment of their delegates, their Charter and By-Laws; from Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, a certificate of the appointment of their delegates, their Charter and By-Laws.

The aforesaid credentials being read, it appeared that

Brother Chas. A. Steuart, P. M., " Henry Brush, P. M., and " John Woodbridge, M. M.,	Were deputed to represent Scioto Lodge, No. 2.
" Lewis Cass, and " Wm. Reynolds,	The Lodge of Amity, No. 105.
" S. Huntington, R. A., " George Tod, and " John H. Adgate, M. M.,	Erie Lodge, No. 47.
" Thomas Henderson, " Francis Mennessier, and " Thomas Dugan,	Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13.

The aforesaid delegates thereupon took their seats in the Grand Lodge; Brother William Skinner, R. A., also attended.

On motion seconded,

Ordered, That Brothers Henderson, Belt, and Steuart, be a committee to take into consideration the aforesaid credentials; also what steps it is necessary for this Grand Lodge to take, in order to carry into effect the object of their present meeting, and report thereon to-morrow evening.

And then the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock. Closed in harmony.

TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 3d, A. L. 5809.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Opened in due form. Present as yesterday.

Also, Brothers Jeremiah McLene, P. M., Jacob Burnet, R. A., James Barnes, M. M., Thomas Kirker, M. M., Wm. M. Sterrit, P. M., Wm. Creighton Jr., P. M., and Humphrey Fullerton, P. M.

The committee appointed last evening made their report, which was read, as follows:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio:

The committee to whom were referred the credentials from the several Lodges of this State, beg leave to report that, having taken into consideration the credentials from Erie Lodge, No. 47, held at Warren, county of Trumbull; of Amity Lodge, No. 45, held at Zanesville and Springfield, in the county of Muskingum; of Scioto Lodge, No. 2, held at Chillicothe, in the county of Ross; and of Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, held in Cincinnati, in the county of Hamilton; the said Lodges have conformed so far with the regulations formed by the Grand Convention of last winter, that they are prepared to enter into the proposed Grand Lodge; and that there remains but one difficulty why the said Grand Lodge do not immediately proceed to organize and work. This difficulty is found in the absence of our sister Lodge of Marietta. Your committee will not undertake to dictate what measures this Lodge should now adopt upon this subject; but they beg leave to suggest that at the present moment, when we have approached so nearly to the establishment of a Grand Lodge, which would redound greatly to the advantage of Masonry in this State, and which is therefore very desirable, when we are well assured of the unanimity of the Lodges on the propriety of such an establishment, and when we are assured in our minds that nothing but a casualty unexpected has produced any difficulty, it becomes as well our duty, as it is our desire, to obviate, as far as in us lies, any objections which can arise to our immediate progress in the business on which we are convened. The difficulty to which we allude is, that doubt as to whether four Lodges only can form a Grand Lodge. In the event of these questions being determined in the negative, your committee would suggest the propriety of admitting Brother William Skinner to a seat among us as proxy for the Lodge of Marietta.

Your committee feel the less hesitation in making this suggestion, having considered that Brother Skinner was delegated from that Lodge to the Convention by which we are now authorized to meet; that he is now Senior Warden elect in said Lodge; that the said Lodge is desirous of coöperating with us, on this occasion, and is prevented from so doing by circumstances which could neither be foreseen or prevented; and that the necessity of the measure is paramount, at the present crisis, to all objections

less than the removal of the land-marks of ancient Masonry; how far the measure may be such a removal, your committee refer to your consideration and judgment.

LEVIN BELT,
THOS. HENDERSON, } *Committee.*
C. A. STEUART.

Ordered, That the said report lie on the table.

The following resolutions were offered to the consideration of the Lodge by Brother *Cass:*

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine whether this Grand Lodge is now organized and competent to transact the business now necessary to be done, with the present representation from four Lodges only, and that they report to this Grand Lodge to-morrow evening their opinion together with the reasons which may influence them in forming it.

Resolved, also, That if the above committee should be of opinion that it is not competent to this Grand Lodge to proceed to its organization with the present representation, that they then inquire into what measures it may be expedient for this Grand Lodge to adopt in the novel and difficult situation in which it is placed, and that they report upon this resolution to-morrow evening.

The same being seconded by Brother *Steuart*, were agreed to.

Brothers Cass, Steuart and Brush were appointed the said committee, and directed to report thereon to-morrow evening, to which time the Lodge was adjourned, and closed in harmony.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 4th, A. L. 5809.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Opened in due form. Present as yesterday.

Also, Brothers Henry Massie, P. M., —— Corry, P. M., Stephen Wood, M. M., John Waddle, M. M., John Carlisle, M. M., Wm. McDonald, M. M., Josiah Dillon, P. M.

The committee to whom were referred the resolutions adopted by the Lodge last evening, made their report, which was read as follows, and agreed to, viz:

Your committee, appointed last evening, report, that their opinion of the question referred to them, together with their reasons, are contained in the following letter, which they conceive it would be proper for the Grand Secretary to have printed, and to forward a copy thereof to each of the Grand Lodges in the Union, to each of the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Lodge, and to the Lodge at Marietta.

Your committee further report, that in their opinion it will be expedient to proceed to the installation of this Grand Lodge, and that a committee of three be appointed to form a constitution and establish by-laws.

LEWIS CASS,
HENRY BRUSH, } *Committee.*
C. A. STEUART,

[LETTER.]

Worshipful Sir and Brother:

We are directed by the Grand Lodge of this State to announce to you its organization; to state the reasons which have influenced us, and the circumstances under which we have carried this measure into operation.

The experience of many years has tested the utility and necessity of Grand Lodges. It is of vital importance to our Order, that a uniform mode of working should be

adopted, and that that unanimity which is the key-stone of Masonry, should be preserved and secured. The Lodges established in this State have derived their Charters from the different Grand Lodges of our sister States, and have been accountable to them for their proceedings. The remoteness of our situation, and the expense inseparably incident upon a frequent communication, have deprived us of most of those advantages to be desired and expected from a Grand Lodge. We are of opinion, also, that in the government of Lodges, it is expedient to conform, as much as practicable, to the municipal regulations of the country in which they are established. We are aware that our Order depends not upon the arm of the law for its support; its obligations are dependent upon a higher authority, upon Him who is the Supreme Legislator and Omnipotent Architect. But where the land-marks of the country can be respected, and the land-marks of Masonry be preserved, their union will add strength to our institutions, and diminish that jealousy with which the weak and illiberal are too apt to regard us. Influenced by these considerations, and authorized by the sanction of precedent, we have congregated together and established ourselves into a Grand Lodge.

The circumstances under which we have proceeded to our organization, were at first novel and embarrassing. From an attentive examination and diligent inquiry, the doubts which hung over us have been dissipated, and the meridian sun has illumed us in our course.

Agreeably to a previous arrangement, on the first Monday of January, 1808, a legal representation from the Lodges at Warren, at Zanesville, at Marietta, at Chillicothe, and at Cincinnati, convened at this place for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge. They then formed a Convention, adopted some necessary regulations, elected the officers of a Grand Lodge, and appointed the first Monday of January, 1809, for them to convene and proceed to their installation. Accordingly, on that day, the officers so elected did appear, and a representation from all the above named Lodges, except that at Marietta. So entirely ignorant are we upon the subject, that we can conjecture but one reason which could have prevented the officers of that Lodge from attending.

About the time when it would have been necessary for them to commence their journey, an alarming and unprecedented inundation had laid that town under water, and the distress and confusion inseparable from such a situation, probably prevented the attendance of their delegation. Under these circumstances, it became a serious object of inquiry, whether it was essentially necessary to the existence of a Grand Lodge that a representation from five Lodges should be present.

We have examined this question, and the result of our deliberations we are now about to state.

Any abstract reasoning upon this subject would be as improper as it would be indecorous; we can only resort to the opinion of eminent brethren who have preceded us, and to the regulations which have been published under the authority of other Grand Lodges. From an examination of these data, we are clearly of the opinion that the rule requiring a representation of five Lodges, to be present at the establishment of a Grand Lodge, is a municipal regulation, adopted for its propriety, and not a fundamental principle of our Order.

In Preston's Illustrations of Masonry, page 199, is the following account of the first establishment of a Grand Lodge in London: "With this view, the Lodges at the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Church-yard, the Crown in Parker's lane, near Drury's lane, the Apple-tree tavern in Charles-street, Covent-garden, and the Rummer and Grapes tavern in Channel-row, Westminster, the only four Lodges in being in the South of England at that time, with some old brethren, met at the Apple-tree tavern above mentioned, in February, 1717, and having voted the oldest Master Mason present, into the Chair, constituted themselves a Grand Lodge, *pro tempore*, in due form." The history then states the mode they adopted to elect a Grand Master, the election to that office of Mr. Anthony Sayor, and the permanent establishment of a Grand Lodge.

"The Grand Master," continues Preston, "then entered on the duties of his office, appointed his Wardens, and commanded the brethren of the four Lodges to meet him," etc. From this precedent, which is full in point, we trust that the correctness of our proceedings will not be questioned. But in addition, this ——— ———, Deputy Grand Master of England, in the —— page of his ——— ———, stating the difference between ancient and modern regulations, mentions that the former requires that the Grand Lodge should be composed of its officers, and the officers or representatives of the subordinate Lodges, without requiring any particular number; but that the latter require that a representation from five Lodges should be present. From an examination also, of the most approved works upon the science of Masonry, we find the distinction generally preserved, that five Lodges are necessary, by the laws of most Grand Lodges, but not by the ancient regulations of our Order. We find, too, that all the Grand Lodges, whose Constitutions we have had an opportunity of inspecting, have required a representation from five subordinate Lodges to be present, previous to any business being transacted; and we thence conclude that they found such a regulation consonant with sound policy only. For if the fundamental rules of the craft required

that number of Lodges to be present, there surely would have been no necessity for them to have called in to its preservation the aid of a Grand Lodge.

After the Lodges in this State shall have been increased, there is no doubt but the Grand Lodge will deem it proper and useful to establish such a principle; but while these considerations, paramount to all others except a regard to the ancient landmarks, prevent its observance, if the present opportunity should pass, and the work we have already performed be lost, we have little prospect of the establishment of a Grand Lodge in this State for an indefinite period. A spirit of discord might thence prevail; a difference in working become established, and distressed brethren fail of receiving that relief to which they are entitled.

We trust, therefore, that the Grand Lodge of ————, will duly appreciate our motives, and recognize in this proceeding, an earnest wish to promote the welfare and perpetuate the blessings of Masonry.

We offer to the Grand Lodge of ———— an interchange of communication, and invite them to a fraternal correspondence.

We have enclosed a list of our officers, and must conclude by praying the Supreme Grand Architect to guide you in your deliberations, to your own honor and to the prosperity of the *Royal Art.*

On motion, seconded, the aforesaid credentials from Scioto Lodge, No. 2, the Lodge of Amity, No. 105, Erie Lodge, No. 47, and Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, were received and declared satisfactory. Whereupon, the aforesaid delegates from the said several Lodges, took their seats in the Grand Lodge, as the representatives of said Lodges.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That a committee of three brethren be appointed to prepare a Constitution for the regulation and government of this Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That Brothers Henderson, Steuart and Brush be said committee.

Adjourned till to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock. Closed in harmony.

THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 5th, A. L. 5809.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in due form.

The committee appointed last evening made the following report, viz:

The committee appointed to report a Constitution for the government of the Grand Lodge, have taken into consideration the subject, and after due deliberation, report as their opinion, that it will be expedient for this Lodge to adopt, *pro tempore*, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

THOS. HENDERSON,
C. A. STEUART,
HENRY BRUSH, } *Committee.*

This Lodge, in the third degree of Masonry, was then closed, and a Past-Master Mason's Lodge was opened. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect, was then introduced by the W. G. S. W., and duly installed into that office, and regularly announced by the proper officer.

The Past-Master Mason's Lodge was then closed, and a Master Mason's Lodge opened. The several subordinate officers elected by the G. Convention last winter, were then also regularly installed into their respective offices, by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and announced accordingly.

Brother *George Tod*, W. G. Senior Warden, laid before the Lodge a communication received by him, from the Most Worshipful Grand Master

elect, our Worshipful Brother Rufus Putnam, containing his resignation, which was read, as follows:

To the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Ohio, your Brother sendeth Greeting:

It was with high sensibility and gratitude I received the information that the Grand Convention of Masons, convened at Chillicothe, in January last, elected me to the office of Grand Master of your most ancient and honorable society; but, however sensibly I feel the high honor done me by the Convention, and am disposed to promote the interest of the craft in general, and in this State in particular, I must decline the appointment. My sun is far past the meridian; it is almost set; a few sands only remain in my glass; I am unable to undergo the necessary labors of that high and important office; unable to make you a visit at this time, without a sacrifice and hazard of health which prudence forbids.

May the Great Architect, under whose all-seeing eye all Masons profess to labor, have you in His holy keeping, that when our labors here are finished, we may, through the merits of Him that was dead, but now is alive, and lives forevermore, be admitted into that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens:—Amen. So prays your friend and brother, RUFUS PUTNAM.

Marietta, Dec. 26*th*, 1808.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be recorded upon the journals of this Lodge.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That this Grand Lodge now proceed to hold their annual election for the several Grand Officers to compose the said Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

And the vote being taken, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

Brother SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, M. W. Grand Master.
" LEWIS CASS, Rt. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" WILLIAM SKINNER, Rt. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM RAVEN, Rt. W. Junior Grand Warden.
" HENRY MASSIE, W. Grand Treasurer.
" HENRY BRUSH, Grand Secretary.
" PHILEMON BEECHER, Grand Senior Deacon.
" THOMAS KIRKER, Grand Junior Deacon.
" JOHN WOODBRIDGE, Grand Marshal.
" PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler.

This Lodge sitting in the third degree was then closed, and a Past Master Mason's Lodge opened.

The M. W. Grand Master elect, introduced by the W. G. S. Warden, was installed into that office, and solemnly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal; and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master elect, in like manner.

Brothers Woodbridge and Kirker, being in waiting and duly prepared, were introduced and severally passed the Chair.

The rest of the Grand Officers elect, were then severally installed into their respective offices, according to ancient usage, and took their places in the Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Henderson, late Deputy Grand

Master, delivered an engaging and animating address to the brethren of the Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Huntington, Brothers Henderson and Steuart, were appointed a committee to report to-morrow evening, further arrangements which they may deem necessary to be made by the Grand Lodge, at this Grand Communication; and the Lodge was then adjourned until to-morrow evening, six o'clock. Closed in harmony.

FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 6th, A. L. 5809.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

The committee appointed last evening reported, as follows:

The committee appointed last evening, beg leave to report, that it will be expedient to make alterations in the Constitution adopted by this Grand Lodge, in the following particulars, to wit:

ART. 1. Alter the time of the Grand Communication to the first Monday of January.

ART. 2. Alter so that a majority of the subordinate Lodges shall constitute a quorum and may proceed to labor.

ART. 13. Add, "Provided that this article shall not effect *pro tempore* appointments."

ART. 19. Insert, after the words, M. W. G. M., "and R. W. Deputy Grand Master."

ART. 36. The Grand Secretary shall use his private seal until a Grand Seal can be procured.

The committee are of opinion that in lieu of the charters returned by the several Lodges of the Grand Lodge, dispensations shall be granted until regular warrants can be made out and forwarded to them; that one shall be made out for the Lodge of Marietta, and delivered to the R. W. Brother William Skinner, to be delivered to that Lodge on the condition that the said Lodge approving of it shall deliver to him their present warrant for safe-keeping, as being in the possession of this Grand Lodge. That this Grand Lodge do now make appropriations for the expenses of procuring jewels, a seal and furniture for this Grand Lodge, of the Steward, Tyler, and Secretary, during the present Convention, and of the printing which may be necessary—that the Worshipful Grand Secretary be authorized to have the Constitution and proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON,
THOS. HENDERSON,
C. A. STEUART, } *Committee.*

The committee further report the following resolution:

Resolved. That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to the Right Worshipful Brother Henderson, late Deputy Grand Master, for the attention and skill with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON,
C. A. STEUART, } *Committee.*

Which report being read, was amended by the Lodge by striking out the first amendment therein contained to the 13th article of the Constitution, in these words: ART. 13. Add, "Provided that this article shall not effect *pro tempore* appointments." Second—Strike out the fourth amendment therein contained, in these words: ART. 19. Insert after the words M. W. G. M. "and R. W. Deputy Grand Master," and in lieu thereof, and of the said 19th article, insert for said article the M. W. G. M. and R. W.

D. G. M., or either of them, shall be invested with the privilege of granting Dispensations, at their discretion, during the recess of the Grand Lodge. The first part of said report was then agreed to, and the said Constitution as amended was adopted as follows, viz:

BY-LAWS, ETC.

ARTICLE 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold a Grand Communication once in every year, on the first Monday in January.

ART. 2. There shall not be any Grand Lodge opened to work unless there be present a representation from a majority of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

ART. 3. The members of the Grand Lodge, are the Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, officers of subordinate Lodges, and representatives from said Lodges.

ART. 4. Subordinate Lodges who cannot send representatives to the Grand Lodge are permitted to appoint proxies, who must be Master Masons and members of some Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 5. The appointment of the representatives and proxies must be certified by the Secretary of the Lodge making the appointment, and have the seal of said Lodge affixed to the certificate.

ART. 6. The duty of the Grand Lodge is to receive appeals, redress grievances, and remove all complaints of the private Lodges; to grant warrants and authorize new Lodges to work; to reprehend malconduct in any of its private Lodges or members; to relieve distressed brethren, their widows or children; to assess such economical contributions for charity and other exigencies, from time to time, as shall appear proper for the good of the craft; to correspond with every Grand Lodge on the terrestrial globe that they shall deem right for the good of the fraternity; to devise and design plans, problems and positions for the private Lodges; to execute and also to choose and elect, by written ballot, annually, and duly install all the Grand Officers.

ART. 7. It is the duty of every Grand Officer, in proportion to his superiority, during the vacation of the Grand Lodge, to have special care of the private Lodges, directing all their designs, plans, problems, and propositions on which they work, to be executed according to. and within, the extent and limits of the ancient land-marks, usages and customs of the sublime Order of Free and Accepted Masonry.

ART. 8. All matters of controversy before the Grand Lodge, shall be determined by a majority of votes; that is to say, the Grand Master, or presiding officer, having one vote, (unless in case of an equal division, and then two;) the Deputy Grand Master one vote; the Grand Wardens, for the time being, collectively, one vote; the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters, collectively, one vote; and the officers, or their representatives, of each subordinate Lodge, collectively, one vote; it is, however, understood that no Brother can vote in a double capacity.

ART. 9. Every Grand Officer shall be elected annually by a majority of written ballots, taken agreeably to Art. 8, which ballots shall be collected by the Senior Grand Deacon, and shall be by him delivered to the M. W. G. Master, for the time being, to count, who shall order the Grand Secretary to proclaim the officer elected. During the time that the Grand Deacon is collecting the ballots, and until the Grand Secretary has proclaimed the officer balloted in, every member shall be silent and keep his seat. The Senior Grand Deacon shall not present the ballot-box to any voter until the Grand Secretary has called upon him to answer, beginning with the M. W. Grand Master, and continuing the voters according to rank and seniority. If it is found by the M. W. Grand Master, on counting, that there are more ballots than voters, he shall charge the members to be more attentive to their duty, and order a new election; and if any member is convicted of putting more ballots in the box than he is entitled to, he shall be forever suspended from a seat in the Grand Lodge.

ART. 10. Every Grand Officer shall be chosen from among the working members of the several subordinate Lodges; *Provided*, he is not thereby raised to a degree higher than what he may have attained in his said Lodge.

ART. 11. The officers to be elected by the Grand Lodge are the M. W. G. M., the two Grand Wardens, the G. Chaplain, the G. Orator, the G. Treasurer, and the G. Steward. The officers, however, having the authority of making the other appointments may waive the privilege whenever they may think proper.

ART. 12. The Grand Officers shall be titled and ranked in the following order:

1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.

4. The Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. The Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.
6. The Grand Orator.
7. The Grand Secretary.
8. The Grand Treasurer.
9. The Senior Grand Deacon.
10. The Junior Grand Deacon.
11. The Grand Marshal.
12. The Grand Steward.
13. The Grand Sword Bearer.
14. The Grand Pursuivant.
15. The Grand Tyler.

ART. 13. No elected officer of the Grand Lodge, or of any private Lodge, shall act as such until he is duly installed.

ART. 14. On the day appointed for the assembly of the Grand Lodge, the members shall collect with all possible punctuality, the Lodge shall be opened in the most strict Masonic order, prayers said, and the proceedings of the last Grand Communication read; and immediately after the several returns are examined, the following committees shall be appointed for the several special purposes, and they shall continue only during the session of the Grand Lodge:

1. A committee of three members, who shall be deputies from three different subordinate Lodges, to examine the books and vouchers of the G. Secretary, G. Treasurer, and Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund, and they shall report a statement thereof; they shall also ascertain the expenses of the Grand Communication.

2. A committee of two members shall be appointed to examine attendant and visiting brethren, observing that none can be admitted under the degree of Master Mason.

3. A committee of three members shall be appointed to hear grievances and examine into the same, and make due report thereof to the Grand Lodge.

ART. 15. The M. W. Grand Master is invested with the power of convening the Grand Lodge at any time when there shall appear to him an emergent occasion.

ART. 16. In case of the death of any Grand Officer, or in case of any Brother refusing to serve or install according to appointment to any Grand Office, the M. W. G. Master is invested with power to nominate, appoint, and install such other brethren to fill all such vacancies of office as shall meet his pleasure and discretion.

ART. 17. The M. W. G. Master has the command of every other officer, and may call on any and all of them, at any time, for advice and assistance on any business relative to the craft.

ART. 18. The M. W. G. Master is not authorized to make or second any motion.

ART. 19. The M. W. G. M. and R. W. D. G. M., or either of them, shall be vested with the privilege of granting dispensations at their discretion, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 20. In case of the death of the M. W. G. Master, during the time for which he is elected and installed to serve, or in case of his refusal to serve or install according to appointment, all the powers and privileges shall devolve and become the inherent right of the following brethren, according to the grade here mentioned:

1. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. 2. The Worshipful Senior Grand Warden. 3. The Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. 4. The Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority. 5. The Presiding Masters of subordinate Lodges, according to rank. 6. The Past Masters, according to rank and seniority.

ART. 21. It is the duty of the M. W. G. Master to install his Deputy, but he may deputize whom he pleases to install all the other officers, and, also, any officer of a private Lodge.

ART. 22. It is the duty of the M. W. G. Master, *in officio* or *pro tem.*, to subscribe, in presence of the Grand Lodge, a fair and true transcript of their proceedings: *Provided*, the proceedings are first read by the Grand Secretary, and agreed to by a majority of the brethren assembled, and the proceedings subscribed, he is to deliver to the Grand Secretary, with direction to have them truly registered and filed.

ART. 23. Every subordinate Lodge, which shall not be represented for three successive Grand Communications, or who shall be in arrears to the Lodge for two years, shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Order, until they shall comply with both the requisitions, and upon an order from the Grand Lodge to that effect, at a time to be specified therein, shall be finally stricken off the list of Lodges, and have their charter withdrawn; having due notice of such order to be communicated to them by the Grand Secretary for the time being.

ART. 24. Every member of the Grand Lodge, as also every member of every subordinate Lodge, shall pay due submission and obedience to the respective officers.

ART. 25. It is the duty of every Free Mason to live in peace, harmony and love with

all mankind, to despise hatred, malice and calumny: to practice universal charity and benevolence; to avoid, as much as possible, all law suits, and to submit all differences that may arise between brethren, except such as may relate to real or personal property, to be reconciled by the several Lodges to which they belong, or by the Grand Lodge.

Art. 26. Every Free Mason is enjoined always to avoid addressing a Brother or a Cowan as a Free Mason, unless they are in private or in open Lodge, under the penalty of a severe reprimand.

Art. 27. Every set of Masons that may hereafter obtain permission from the Grand Lodge to receive a warrant to authorize them to congregate and work as a regular Lodge of Free Masons, shall, for the same, pay into the Grand Charity Fund thirty dollars before the said warrant shall be issued, and shall also pay as a fee to the Grand Secretary, for engrossing and affixing the seal of office, parchment and recording, six dollars.

Art. 28. Every set of Masons that may hereafter obtain from the proper officer permission to receive from the Grand Secretary a dispensation to congregate and work as a warranted Lodge of Free Masons, not exceeding twelve months, shall pay into the Grand Charity Fund for the same, five dollars, and three dollars to the Grand Secretary.

Art. 29. Every subordinate Lodge shall hereafter be accountable for, and are hereby directed to pay to the Grand Treasurer, on account of the Grand Lodge, every twelve months, the following assessment:

1. For every Mason they have initiated, during the preceding twelve months, one dollar.
2. For every member of each respective Lodge, fifty cents per annum.

Art. 30. The Grand Charity Funds shall only be subject to such applications as the Grand Lodge and the Grand Charity Stewards shall direct.

Art. 31. Five brothers being members of the Grand Lodge, one of whom shall be the M. W. G Master, and the other four duly elected, to be nominated and entitled Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund; any three of whom shall be a quorum of responsibility, and entitled to act.

Art. 32. It is the duty of the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund to superintend and apply the said funds of the Grand Lodge, with care and economy, and they are authorized to draw orders on the Grand Treasurer for any sum they may think proper.

Art. 33. It is the duty of the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund, to inform every Assembly of the Grand Lodge, by written report, giving an account of all their proceedings, during the last twelve months, and solicit the advice of the Grand Lodge in cases that may appear any way doubtful or intricate.

Art. 34. It is the duty of the Most Reverend Grand Chaplain to say prayers to the congregation at the opening and closing of every Grand Lodge; also, to prepare and preach suitable occasional sermons, as may be directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Art. 35. It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a fair, true, and regular copy, registered in books for that purpose, of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. He shall not register any proceedings that are not duly ratified and signed in open Lodge, by the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and the transcript, so ratified and signed, shall be, by the Grand Secretary, filed as an original voucher for his record.

Art. 36. No warrant, certificate, or any other instrument of writing whatever, shall be of any validity, if issued by the Grand Secretary, unless it be attested by his signature and has the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed thereto. The Grand Secretary shall use his private seal until a Grand Seal can be procured.

Art. 37. All the books, records, paper, seal, etc., kept by the Grand Secretary, shall be the property of the Grand Lodge, and to them or their committee delivered up whenever called for.

Art. 38. The Grand Secretary shall attend personally, or by his agent, who shall be a member of the Grand Lodge, with all his books and papers of office, on every assembly of the Grand Lodge, under the penalty of twenty dollars.

Art. 39. The Grand Secretary shall procure all the books and stationery for the Grand Lodge on the most reasonable terms, and draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount thereof, who is hereby authorized to pay the same.

He shall be entitled to the following fees as a compensation for his services:

1. He shall be paid by the Grand Lodge ten cents for every hundred words which he actually and necessarily writes for their use and by their direction.
2. He shall be paid, by the parties employing him, for copying from the records, files and proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or any instrument of writing whatever, (except as is before provided for,) ten cents for every hundred words; he finding for this purpose his own stationery.
3. He shall be paid, by the parties employing him, one dollar for affixing his seal of

office to any instrument of writing whatever, except it be a warrant or dispensation which is before provided for.

ART. 40. The Grand Secretary shall not be entitled to any fee for affixing his seal of office to any instrument of writing ordered for the use of the Grand Lodge, such as particular summons, copies of proceedings sent to Foreign Grand Lodges, etc.

ART. 41. The Grand Treasurer shall account to the Grand Lodge for all moneys received by him, nor shall he pay any money without the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, or of the Grand Charity Stewards, except as before provided.

ART. 42. He shall, on the first day of each Grand Communication, lay a statement of his accounts before the Grand Lodge.

ART. 43. The Grand Secretary shall always have his books completed so far as he is in possession of documents for the same, to produce to every Grand Communication, under the penalty of twenty dollars.

ART. 44. Any Grand Officer withdrawing himself, during his appointment as Grand Officer, from the private Lodge to which he belonged at the time of his election, shall in that case vacate his seat in the Grand Lodge.

ART. 45. No subordinate Lodge shall confer the degree of Past Master, unless on those who have been regularly elected to fill the Chair, or as preparatory to some higher degree. And no Past Master who shall have received that degree for the latter purpose, shall be entitled on that account to a seat in the Grand Lodge, nor shall they be returned as such in the communications to the Grand Lodge.

ART. 46. No by-laws shall be altered or done away, or any new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification, or addition, as the case may be, shall have been handed in, in open Lodge, and seconded, and remained one whole vacation.

The second part of the aforesaid report, containing a resolution, "That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to our Right Worshipful Brother Thomas Henderson, late Deputy Grand Master, for the attention and skill with which he has discharged the duties of his office," was then taken up, read and agreed to, and thanks accordingly given from the Chair.

On motion, seconded,

Resolved, That the Constitution and proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed, under direction of the Grand Secretary, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to each of the subordinate Lodges here represented, to the Lodge at Marietta, and to each of the officers of this Grand Lodge.

A petition was presented, signed by Brothers Samuel H. Smith, Nathaniel W. Little, Richard Fishback, William Little, Alexander Enos, Jr., Ichabod Nye, and Thomas Brown, praying this Grand Lodge to grant them a Charter, to form a Lodge by the name of "Mount Zion Lodge, No. —," which was read, and

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That until a Charter can be made and granted to said brethren for the aforesaid purpose, they shall be entitled to receive a dispensation therefor.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered. That the Grand Secretary address a letter to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge at Worthington, inviting him, with the Brethren of his Lodge, to coöperate with the other Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in their Masonic labors for the prosperity of the fraternity and of this Grand Lodge; and also, that the said Lodge at Worthington may be represented in this Grand Lodge at the next Grand Communication.

No further business appearing, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock, and closed in harmony.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 7th, A. L. 5809.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Opened in due form at 6 o'clock P. M., on the first step of Masonry, for the purpose of adopting a uniform mode of working throughout all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which was taken into consideration and agreed to.

There appearing to be no further business in this degree, the Lodge was closed, and a Fellow Craft's Lodge opened for the same purpose, where the same was considered and agreed to. No further business appearing in that degree, the Lodge was closed and a Master Mason's Lodge opened for the same purpose, where the same was likewise taken into consideration, agreed to; and no further business appearing, the Lodge was then closed in due form and harmony, at 9 o'clock P. M.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Secretary.*

JANUARY 11, A D. 1809.—A dispensation issued to Erie Lodge, No. 47. To Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13.

JANUARY 26.—To Scioto Lodge, No. 2. To the Lodge of Amity, No. 105.

JANUARY 30.—To Mount Zion Lodge, No. 7.

A dispensation to Mount Zion Lodge, No. 7, for certain reasons, withheld by order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, until further instructions.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, January 1, A. D. 1810.

M. W. Lewis Cass, *Grand Master.*

At a Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held at Chillicothe, in the State of Ohio, on Monday, the 1st day of January, A. L. 5810,—A. D. 1810, the day appointed for the second Grand Communication of the said Grand Lodge,

OFFICERS PRESENT,

Brother Samuel Huntington, M. W. Grand Master.
" Lewis Cass, Rt. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" Wm. Skinner, Rt. W. Senior Grand Warden.
" George Tod, Rt. W. Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" Henry Massie, W. Grand Treasurer.
" Henry Brush, Grand Secretary.
" Philemon Beecher, Grand Senior Deacon.
" Thomas Kirker, Grand Junior Deacon.

Brethren Present.—Jacob Burnet, William Reynolds, George F. Tennery, John S. Gano, Josiah Dillon, William W. Irvin, John Woodbridge, Nathaniel Gates, Elijah B. Merwin, Russel E. Post, Daniel Roe, Abraham Shepherd, Samuel H. Smith, John A. Fulton, Daniel Symmes, Levin Belt, Alexander A. Meeks, Moses Byxbe, jr., Thomas Orr, Levi Barbee, Abel Renick, Samuel McCord, Samuel Gibbs, Henry Vanmeter, James Robinson, Zaccheus A. Beatty, James Kilbourn, Daniel Converse, James Barnes, Lincoln Goodale, Humphrey Fullerton and Isaac Cook.

The Lodge was opened in due form and according to ancient usage, on the first degree of Masonry—no business appearing, the same was closed and a Fellow Craft's Lodge opened on the second step of Masonry—no business appearing on the second degree of Masonry, the same was closed and a Master Masons' Lodge opened on the third degree of Masonry.

The credentials of the delegates from the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge were laid before the Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Tod*, and seconded,

Ordered, That a committee of three members of this Lodge be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to take into consideration the credentials of the officers of the several

subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and those of their representatives, if any, and report thereon to-morrow evening.

Ordered, That Brothers Skinner, Massie and Brush be said committee.

No further business appearing, the Lodge was adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock. Closed in harmony.

TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 2d, A. L. 5810.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—opened in due form.

Present as yesterday, except Brother Beecher, S. G. D., Brother Woodbridge in his place—Brothers Burnet, Irvin, Merwin, Post, Roe, Fulton, Belt, Renick, Robinson, Beatty. Also, appeared Brothers Langham, Kerr, Bureau, Kinkead, Baldwin, Hicks, McLene, Steuart, Curry and Pearce.

The committee to whom were referred the credentials of the several subordinate Lodges, reported as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the credentials from the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that they have examined and duly considered the credentials from Scioto Lodge, No. 2; the Lodge of Amity, No. 105: Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13; New England Lodge, No. 48; Harmony Lodge, No. 9. From which it appears that Scioto Lodge, No. 2, is duly represented in this Grand Lodge by the officers of said Lodge, as follows: Henry Brush, W. M.; James Barnes, S. W.; John Woodbridge, J. W.

The Lodge of Amity, No. 105, by William Reynolds, W. M.; Daniel Converse, S. W.

Cincinnati Lodge, No. 13, by Daniel Symmes, W. M.; Alexander A. Meeks, M. M.

New England Lodge, No. 48, by James Kilbourn, W. M.

Harmony Lodge, No. 9, by George F. Tennery, W. M.; Hiram M. Curry, S. W.; and Josiah Baldwin, J. W.

The committee recommended to the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the propriety of considering Brother George Tod as the representative of Erie Lodge, No. 47, he having declared in open Lodge, that he is Worshipful Master thereof.

Brother *Tod* moved that the same be agreed to, except so much thereof as relates to Erie Lodge, No. 47.—Carried.

Brother Secretary moved that the report be agreed to, so far as it relates to Erie Lodge, No. 47.—Carried.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That a committee of three members be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the G. Secretary, G. Treasurer, of Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund, and to ascertain the expenses of the Grand Communication, and to report a statement thereof.

Brothers Reynolds, Meeks and Tennery were appointed the said committee, and directed to report thereon.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That a committee of two Brothers be appointed to examine attendant and visiting brethren, observing that none can be admitted under the degree of Master Mason.

Brothers Converse and Barnes were appointed said committee.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That a committee of three brethren be appointed to hear grievances, examine into the same, and make due report thereof from time to time to the Grand Lodge.

Brothers Curry, Kilbourn and Symmes were appointed said committee.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That a committee of three brethren be appointed to examine the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge and report a rule or rules of proceeding in this Grand Lodge under the same.

Brothers Kilbourn, Cass and Tod, were appointed to be said committee.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That the M. W. G. M. Huntington, Brothers Burnet and Steuart, be appointed a committee to make the form of a blank warrant or charter to be granted to subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; also, a device for a seal for this Grand Lodge.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That this Lodge adjourn until to-morrow evening, seven o'clock.

Closed in harmony.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 3d, A. L. 5810.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.—Opened in due form, on the third degree. Present—

Brother SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, M. W. G. M.
" LEWIS CASS, R. W. D. G. M.
" WILLIAM SKINNER, W. S. G. W.
" GEORGE TOD, W. J. G. W., *pro tem.*
" HENRY MASSIE, W. G. Treasurer.
" HENRY BRUSH, W. G. Secretary.
" JEREMIAH MCLENE, S. G. D., *pro tem.*
" JOHN WOODBRIDGE, J. G. D., *pro tem.*
" PETER SPURCK, G. Steward and Tyler.

Also, Brothers Barnes, Byxbe, Steuart, Langham, Orr, Dun, Goodale, Irvin, Gates, Burnet, Reynolds, Tennery, Smith, Meek, McCord, Gibbs, Vanmeter, Kilbourn and Converse.

The committee appointed last evening to examine the Constitution and By-Laws, reported as follows:

The committee who were appointed to examine the Constitution, beg leave to report in part as follows:

Article 2d requires a representation of a majority of the Lodges, or no Grand Lodge can be formed, therefore, the Grand Officers alone cannot open the Lodge; and, as it is presumable that no representatives from the subordinate Lodges will attend at the regular Grand Communication but such as are acting officers at the time in the several Lodges or especially appointed in their stead, the conclusion must be that all who are returned as officers, delegates or proxies, are to take their seats and act as such until their credentials shall be duly examined, which is to take place immediately after the Lodge is opened, prayers said, and the minutes of the last Communication read.

[See Art. 14.] By articles 3, 5, and 45, it appears that the members of the Grand Lodge entitled to a vote are the following, and only them, viz:

Officers of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters who have been so past

for the purpose of filling the Chair as Master of a private Lodge only, and officers, delegates or proxies, of subordinate Lodges.

The committee appointed last evening to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, report as follows:

The committee appointed under the 1st section of the 14th Article, report progress and beg leave to sit again, which is granted.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That this Grand Lodge now proceed to hold its annual election for the several Grand Officers, to compose the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year.

And, on the vote being taken, the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz:

Brother LEWIS CASS, M. W. Grand Master.
" JACOB BURNET, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
" GEORGE TOD, W. Senior Grand Warden.
" JAMES KILBOURN, W. Junior Grand Warden.
" PHILEMON BEECHER, Grand Treasurer.
" HENRY BRUSH, Grand Secretary.
" H. M. CURRY, M. R. Grand Chaplain.
" DANIEL SYMMES, Grand Orator.
" GEORGE F. TENNERY, S. Grand Deacon.
" DANIEL CONVERSE, J. Grand Deacon.
" RALPH OSBORN, Grand Marshal.
" HENRY VANMETER, Grand Sword Bearer.
" ALEXANDER A. MEEKS, Grand Pursuivant.
" PETER SPURCE, Grand Steward and Tyler.
" LEVIN BELT, } *Stewards of the G. C. Fund.*
" JOHN WOODBRIDGE, } *Stewards of the G. C. Fund.*
" JAMES BARNES, } *Stewards of the G. C. Fund.*
" JOHN WADDLE, } *Stewards of the G. C. Fund.*

A petition from sundry brethren living near Granville, in Licking county, praying to be erected into a Lodge by the name of "Centre Star," and that a warrant or charter may be granted them by this Grand Lodge for that purpose, was presented and read.

Also, one for the like purpose from sundry brethren living near Gallipolis, in Gallia county.

Also, one for the like purpose from sundry brethren living near Delaware, in Delaware county.

Also, from sundry brethren living near Springfield and Urbana, in the county of Champaign, for the like purpose.

Also, one from sundry brethren living near Dayton and Troy, in the counties of Montgomery and Miami, for the like purpose.

On motion,

Ordered, That the aforesaid several petitions be committed to a committee of three brethren, to consist of Brothers Kilbourn, Burnet and Brush, to report thereon to-morrow evening.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That this Grand Lodge be adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock.

Closed in harmony.

THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 4th, A. L. 5810.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Opened in due form in the third degree of Masonry. *Present*—

Brother SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, M. W. G. M.
" LEWIS CASS, R. W. D. G. M.
" GEORGE TOD, W. S. G. W.
" JAMES KILBOURN, W. J. G. W.
" WILLIAM REYNOLDS, G. Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" HENRY BRUSH, G. Secretary.
" H. M. CURRY, M. Rev. G. Chaplain.
" NATHANIEL GATES, G. Orator, *pro tem.*
" GEORGE F. TENNERY, S. G. D.
" DANIEL CONVERSE, J. G. D.
" PETER SPURCK, G. Steward and Tyler.

Also, Brothers Massie, Barnes, Renick, Langham, Orr, Shepherd, Steuart, Byxbe, Kerr, Dillon, Vanmeter, Dun, Gibbs, Kirker, Smith, Kinkead.

On motion, seconded,

Proceeded to install the officers elect—the Most W. G. Master elect was introduced by the R. W. D. G. Master, Brother Burnet, and installed to that office, and solemnly proclaimed by the Grand Secretary. The rest of the Grand Officers elect were then severally installed to their respective offices according to ancient usage, and took their places in the Lodge.

The committee to whom sundry petitions were referred, reported as follows, to wit:

The committee to whom were referred sundry petitions, beg leave to report that the petition from sundry brethren living near Gallipolis, in the county of Gallia, in our opinion, is reasonable and ought to be granted.

That the petition of sundry brethren of Harmony Lodge, No. 9, living near Dayton and Troy, in the counties of Montgomery and Miami—and the one from the brethren living near Springfield and Urbana, in the county of Champaign, are reasonable and ought to be granted.

That the petition from sundry brethren, living near Granville, in Licking county, not being signed by seven, as the Constitution and By-Laws require, ought not to be granted.

That the petition from sundry brethren near Delaware, in Delaware county, it will not be expedient to grant at the present time, in the opinion of your committee.

JAMES KILBOURN,
JACOB BURNET,
HENRY BRUSH, } *Committee.*

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That the same be agreed to so far as the same goes to grant the prayer of the petitions, and the balance lie for further consideration.

The committee of Grievances report as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Grand Wardens:

The committee to whom was referred the application of Brother Samuel H. Smith, praying for a dispensation from this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the objections against the same urged by Brother Byxbe, suggesting improper conduct against Brother Smith, having attended to the duty imposed on them, respectfully report:

From an examination into the charge of improper Masonic conduct at a particular time and place, in Brother Smith, the committee are of opinion that his conduct was unguarded. The committee feel disposed to view with charitable eyes this instance of

indiscretion. We recommend him as meriting forgiveness, and that a charter be granted him as prayed for. And should any personal difference exist between Brothers Byxbe and Smith, it is recommended to them that they in open Grand Lodge come to terms of mutual reconciliation. But should this proposition be rejected, we report it as our opinion that the subject matter of such difference should be referred to Scioto Lodge, of which they are members, considering the Grand Lodge can have no jurisdiction thereof.

JAMES KILBOURN, GEORGE TOD, } *Committee.*

On motion seconded,

Ordered, That Brother Burnet, R. W. D. G. Master, be of the said committee, and that the said report be recommitted.

On motion, seconded,

Adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock.

Closed in harmony.

FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 5th, A. L. 5810.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Opened in due form on the 3d degree of Masonry. Present,

Brother LEWIS CASS, M. W. G. M.,
" JACOB BURNET, R. W. D. G. M.,
" GEORGE TOD, R. W. S. G. W.,
" JAMES KILBOURN, R. W. J. G. W.,
" PHILEMON BEECHER, Grand Treasurer,
" NATHANIEL GATES, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*,
" GEORGE F. TENNERY, G. S. D.,
" DANIEL CONVERSE, G. J. D.,
" PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The committee on Grievances reported as follows:

The committee on Grievances, having taken into consideration sundry certificates signed by Job Case, David Butler, Justin Hillyer, Jeremiah R. Munson, and Wm. Wilson, relative to charges made by Moses Byxbe Jr., against Samuel H. Smith for un-Masonic conduct, beg leave respectfully to report: From a deliberate consideration of the subject and examination of the documents, we are of opinion that said Smith was not guilty of any improper conduct as a *Mason*, in the case which hath been stated, but that the charges made against him were totally without foundation in fact or appearance; it not being stated in any of the certificates that he used any Masonic word or sign on the occasion, whether proper or improper, but in several, pointedly to the contrary.

HIRAM M. CURRY, JAMES KILBOURN, GEORGE TOD, } *Committee.*

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That the said report be agreed to.

The committee to whom were referred the subject matter of a Charter and Seal to be granted by this Grand Lodge to the Lodges under its jurisdiction, reported:

That the form of the charter used by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, with the necessary alterations resulting from the difference of by-laws and local situation, will

be proper for the adoption of this Grand Lodge, and that the seal used by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, be adopted, with this difference: that the common gavel and trowel be substituted for the bee-hive, the plumb and the keys.

SAMUEL HUNTINGTON,
JACOB BURNET,
C. A. STEUART, } *Committee.*

On motion,

Ordered, That the dispensation granted to the Lodge in Geauga county be continued in force until a warrant or charter be procured and issued to said Lodge by the name of "Meridian Orb."

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary cause the same to be done as soon as conveniently may be.

That part of the report of the committee on the subject matter of petitions for charters, which was ordered for further consideration, was taken up and agreed to.

On motion, seconded,

Resolved, That the several charters surrendered to this Grand Lodge by the Lodges under its jurisdiction be indorsed by the Grand Secretary, "surrendered and canceled in due form, by order of the Grand Lodge," and then returned to the respective Lodges, to remain in the archives thereof for safe keeping; subject, however to the order of the Grand Lodge at all times.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee consisting of one member from each of the Lodges acknowledging the authority of this Grand Lodge, be appointed to take into consideration the constitution and by-laws thereof during the recess of the same, and to report to the next Grand Communication such amendments, alterations and additions as may be deemed expedient to be adopted by this Grand Lodge, or, in lieu thereof, an entire new Constitution and By-Laws.

Brothers Symmes, of Cincinnati Lodge—Burnet, of Scioto Lodge—Kilbourn, of New England Lodge—Tod, of Erie Lodge—Reynolds, of Amity Lodge—Tennery of Harmony Lodge—and Edward Payne, of Meridian Orb Lodge, were appointed said committee.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary communicate the proceedings of this Grand Communication, to Union Lodge, at Marietta.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to examine the Treasurer's and Secretary's books and accounts be discharged from any further consideration thereof.

No further business appearing, this Grand Lodge was closed in harmony, at half past 9 o'clock, P. M.

Attest,

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, September 3, A. L. 5810.—A. D. 1810.

M. W. Lewis Cass, Esq., *Grand Master.*

At a Special Communication held at Masons' Hall, Chillicothe, on Monday the third day of September, A. L. 5810—Present:

R. W. Jacob Burnet, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, in the chair, (the Most Worshipful being indisposed.)
R. W. Thomas Henderson, S. G. Warden, p. t.
R. W. Wm. Reynolds, J. G. Warden, p. t.
R. W. Thomas James, G. Treasurer, p. t.
Henry Brush, G. Secretary.
R. W. Daniel Symmes, Grand Orator.
W. Thomas Orr, Sen. Grand Deacon, p. t.
W. Ralph Osborn, Jun. Grand Deacon, p. t., and Grand Marshal.
W. Henry Vanmeter, Grand Sword Bearer.
R. W. Levin Belt,
" John Woodbridge,
" James Barnes, and
" John Waddle,
} Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.
Brother Peter Spurck, Grand Steward and Tyler.

With Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, Royal Arch Masons, and the Representatives of the following Lodges under the jurisdiction, etc., viz:

Scioto Lodge, Chillicothe—Henry Brush, W. M.; James Barnes, S. W.; John Woodbridge, J. W.

Cincinnati Lodge—Brothers Francis Mennessier, R. A.; Thomas Henderson, P. M.; Daniel Symmes, P. M.

Erie Lodge, Warren—Brother Francis Freeman, the Junior Warden thereof, specially deputed, etc.

Meridian Orb Lodge, Painesville—Brother Freeman, specially deputed proxy.

The Lodge of Amity, Zanesville—Brothers William Reynolds, Ebenezer Granger and Peter Mills, proxies.

New England Lodge, Worthington—Brother Ralph Osborn, proxy.

Harmony Lodge, Springfield and Urbana—Brother Henry Vanmeter, proxy.

Morning Dawn Lodge, Gallipolis—Brother Robert Safford, proxy.

Center Star Lodge, Granville—Brother Job Case, Worshipful Master thereof.

Brothers Daniel Turney, R. A.; William Creigton Jun., P. M.; Robert Orr, M. M.; David Kinkead, M. M.; Jonathan Renick, M. M.; Thomas Gibson, R. A.; Russel E. Post, P. M.; Thomas Steel, M. M.; Peter Parcels, M. M.; Thomas Needham, M. M.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form; and prayers were offered up to the Divine Architect, by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, (the Most Reverend Grand Chaplain being absent.)

A number of communications were presented from several Grand Lodges in the United States.

Brother Secretary laid before the Lodge a communication from Brother James Kilbourn, on the subject of the installation of Mount Zion Lodge, and information concerning the brethren thereof; which was committed to Brothers Symmes, Safford and Woodbridge, to report thereon to-morrow evening.

Adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock. Closed in harmony.

TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 4th, 1810—A. L. 5810.

Present as yesterday; also, Brothers Thomas Tod, P. M.; Elias Langham, R. A.; James Silvers, M. M.; Jeremiah M'Lene, P. M.; A. L. Langham, M. M.

Brothers Belt and M'Lene appointed to examine attendant and visiting Brethren, etc.; Brothers Reynolds, Safford and Barnes, a committee of Grievances, etc.

On motion, seconded,

Voted, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master, R. W. Grand Orator, and Brother Francis Freeman, take into their consideration the communication from the Lodge of Virginia, to report thereon Thursday evening next.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That five Brethren be appointed, by ballot, to report their opinions where it will be expedient to hold the next Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Brothers Freeman, Reynolds, Creighton Jun., Safford and Symmes, were duly elected, and instructed to report on Thursday evening next.

Brother Granger presented the By-Laws of Amity Lodge, for the consideration and sanction of the Grand Lodge; also a letter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, addressed to the Secretary of Amity Lodge; which were referred to the committee of Grievances, to report thereon Thursday evening next.

Adjourned until Thursday evening, 6 o'clock. Closed in harmony.

THURSDAY EVENING, Sept. 6th, A. L. 5810.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Voted, That the committee to whom were referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, have until the Annual Communication to make their report.

The committee who were instructed to report their opinions where it will be expedient to hold the next Grand Communicaiion, reported that, having considered the subject, they deem it expedient that the next Grand Communication, of this Grand Lodge, should be held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Chillicothe, on the first Monday in January next.

DANIEL SYMMES, *Ch'n*, FRANCIS FREEMAN,
ROBERT SAFFORD, WILLIAM CREIGHTON JUN.
WILLIAM REYNOLDS,

Brother Granger moved to amend the report by striking out the word "Chillicothe," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "Zanesville;" which was determined in the negative, and then the report was agreed to.

The committee on the communication from Brother Kilbourn, reported thet, having duly considered the said communication, the same, in their opinion, should be filed with the papers of the Grand Lodge.

DANIEL SYMMES,
ROBERT SAFFOD.

Agreed to.

The committee of Grievances reported, that the Lodge of Amity is laboring under some inconveniences, from the want of their original charter—the said charter, or warrant, being with the Grand Lodge, and subject to their control—and being also requested, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be surrendered to them by Amity Lodge, recommend the following order:

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary address a letter to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on behalf of Amity Lodge, stating the time this Grand Lodge was established; that Amity Lodge was represented in the Convention; the resolution requiring the Subordinate Lodges to deposit their warrants; and, referring to the requisition of the letter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to Amity Lodge, suggest the difficulty and impossibility, on the part of Amity Lodge at the present time, to comply with the said request, and desire them to consider and determine whether the same may not be dispensed with.

ROBERT SAFFORD,
WM. REYNOLDS.

On motion, seconded, the same was agreed to.

The Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock. Closed in harmony.

FRIDAY EVENING, Sept. 7th, A. L. 5810.

The Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present—The Most Worshipful LEWIS CASS, Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary moved that the Grand Lodge of Ohio agree to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge deem it expedient, and for the benefit of Masonry, to recommend to the Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, not to confer the degree of Past Master, unless on those who have been regularly elected to fill the chair, until the next Grand Communication; nor any of the higher degrees of Masonry, in any instance, until that time, that the Grand Lodge may determine on the propriety of such a procedure, and give further instructions concerning the same.

The same being seconded, was agreed to.

On motion, seconded,

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary procure a seal for the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the device agreed upon at the last Annual Communication.

The proceedings of this Grand Communication were ordered to be printed and distributed by the Grand Secretary.

And no further business appearing, this Grand Lodge was closed in harmony, at half-past 9 o'clock, P. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, January 7, A. D. 1811.

M. W. Lewis Cass, *Grand Master.*

At a stated grand communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio, convened in Mason's Hall, in Chillicothe, on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1811—A. L. 5811—there were present:

M. W. Lewis Cass, Esq., Grand Master.
R. W. Jacob Burnet, Esq., D. G. Master.
W. Benjamin Tupper, S. G. W. *pro tem.*
W. Joel Walters, J. G. W. *pro tem.*
W. Philemon Beecher, Grand Treasurer.
Henry Brush, Grand Secretary.
John Waddle, G. S. D. *pro tem.*
Walter Dun, J. G. W. *pro tem.*
Peter Spurck, G. Steward and G. Tyler.

Also, Bros. Alex. Ewing, Julius Coleman, John Clark, Timothy M. Gates, Wm. Seymour, Henry Massie, Humphrey Fullerton, James Barnes, John Woodbridge, John A. Fulton, John Kerr, Thos. Orr, Robert Kerchwood, Angus L. Langham, and Peter Parcels—together with Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, Royal Arch Masons, and the Representatives and Proxies of the following Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge—viz.:

Sciota Lodge, Chillicothe—John Kerr, W. M., John Waddle, S. W., Water Dun, J. W.
Cincinnati Lodge—R. W. Jacob Burnet, Esq., Proxy.
The Lodge of Amity, Zanesville—Benj. Tupper, W. M.
Erie Lodge, Warren—Benj. Tupper, Proxy.
Centre Star Lodge, Granville—Julius Coleman, Proxy.
Unity Lodge, Portage county—Joel Walters, S. W.
St. John's Lodge, Dayton and Troy—Alex. Ewing, Proxy.

A Representative from a majority of the subordinate Lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form; and prayers were offered up to the Divine Architect, by the M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Chaplain being absent.

Bros. Tupper, Kerr and Walters were appointed a committee to examine the books and records of the Grand Secretary, G. Treasurer, and Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund; to report a statement to-morrow evening.

Bros. Beecher and Dunn to examine attendant and visiting brethren.

Bros. Woodbridge and Fullerton to hear grievances and examine into the same, and make report thereof to the Lodge.

Ordered, That the credentials of representatives and proxies be referred to Bros. Burnet, Beecher and Brush, to report thereon to-morrow evening.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a communication for the M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, which was referred to the same committee, to report as above.

The M. W. Grand Master also presented the petitions and vouchers upon which dispensations have been granted in recess of the Grand Lodge to *Unity Lodge*, to be held at the seat of justice of Portage county; and to *Centre Star Lodge*, to be held at Granville, in Licking county, which were referred to Bros. Tupper, Kerr and Waddle, to report thereon to-morrow evening: who were also instructed to report their opinion with respect to the petition from sundry brethren living near Dayton and Washington, in the counties of Montgomery and Miami.

The Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock. Closed in harmony.

TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 8, A. L. 5811.

Present as on yesterday; and also, Bro. Samuel H. Smith, W. Master of Zion Lodge, and Bro. James H. Hills, W. Master of New England Lodge—who severally presented their credentials, which being read, were referred to the committee on Credentials, who reported that the same were satisfactory; which report was concurred in by the Lodge.

The [Grand] Lodge then proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers for the ensuing year: whereupon the elections were declared and proclaimed, as follows:

Brother LEWIS CASS, M. W. Grand Master.
" JACOB BURNET, R. W. D. Grand Master.
" GEORGE TOD, W. Senior Grand Warden.
" JAMES KILBOURN, W. J. Grand Warden.
" PHILEMON BEECHER, W. G. Treasurer.
" HENRY BRUSH, Grand Secretary.
" HIRAM M. CURRY, M. R. Grand Chaplain.
" DANIEL SYMMES, W. Grand Orator.
" JOHN WOODBRIDGE, G. S. Deacon.
" DANIEL CONVERS, G. S. Deacon.
" RALPH OSBORN, Grand Marshal.
" HENRY VANMETER, G. Sword Bearer.
" FRANCIS KERR, Grand Pursuivant.
" PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Bros. Levin Belt, John Woodbridge, John Waddle and James Barnes, Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

The committee to which was referred the letter of our Most Worshipful Brother, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Lodges of Master Masons, subordinate to, and working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, cannot confer any degrees of Masonry higher than that of Master, without having previously obtained a charter from some Royal Arch Chapter, granting such authority.

The committee appointed to examine the Secretary's and Treasurer's books reported:

That by the vouchers and books exhibited to them, they find the Grand Lodge indebted to the Grand Seceetary for money advanced for the use of the Grand Lodge, to the amount of $77 84.

They also report with regret, that several Lodges in the State, who appear indebted and delinquent to the Grand Lodge for a considerable length of time, have made no arrangements within the knowledge of your committee, to discharge their respective dues, etc.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that proper measures be adopted to collect those dues etc.; that thereby the indebtedness of this Grand Lodge may be discharged, and the surplus, if any, be applied to charitable or useful purposes.

On motion, the foregoing report was concurred in.

The committee to which was referred the petition of sundry Master Masons residing in Montgomery and Miami counties, reported:

That from the best information they could obtain, they conceive that the prayer of the petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted. And the same committee, to which were referred the Dispensations granted by the M. W. Grand Master, during the last year, further report: That in their opinion the same were highly expedient; and that Charters ought to be granted to said Lodges.

Which reports, on motion, were agreed to.

On motion, Resolved, That the Grand Secretary prepare the form of a Return from subordinate Lodges, and transmit one to each [Lodge], under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to be observed by them respectively, in making their annual communications; and also, devise measures to enforce the collection of dues, accrued and accruing.

Ordered, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to address a letter to the *American Union Lodge*, of Marietta, again inviting them to join this Grand Lodge; and he is hereby authorized to adopt any measures he may deem expedient to effectuate that desirable object.

On motion, Ordered, That the Grand Secretary cause the proceedings of this Grand Communication to be printed, and a copy transmitted to the subordinate Lodges; to the Lodge at Marietta, and the several grand Lodges of the Union.

A petition from a number of Master Masons in Chillicothe, praying to be established and chartered [as] a Lodge, by the name of "The Chillicothe Lodge," was read, and referred to a committee, consisting of Bros. Beecher, Kilbourn and Tupper, to report thereon at the next grand communication. Whereupon, on motion, leave was granted to withdraw said petition, for the present.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and in harmony, at half-past 9 o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, Jan. 6, A. D. 1812—A. L. 5812.

M. W. LEWIS CASS, *Grand Master.*

CHILLICOTHE, Jan. 6, A. D. 1812.

AT a stated communication of the M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, held at Masons' Hall, in Chillicothe, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1812, A. L. 5812, there were present,

M. W. LEWIS CASS, Grand Master,
R. W. JACOB BURNET, D. Grand Master,
W. JOHN KERR, G. Senior Warden *pro tem.*,
W. JUSTIN HILLYER, G. Junior Warden *pro tem.*,
W. PHILEMON BEECHER, Grand Treasurer,
HENRY BRUSH, Grand Secretary,
NATH'L GATES, G. S. D. *pro tem.*,
ANGUS L. LANGHAM, G. J. D. *pro tem.*,
PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler,

And Brothers Alexander Ewing, Amasa Delano, Solomon Smith, Lincoln Goodale, Samuel Herrick, Rial McArthur, Robert Kercheval, Charles Smith, Walter Dun, Abner Kerns, Alfred Manning, Henry Baldwin, John Waddle and John Woodbridge; together with Past Masters, Royal Arch Masons, and the representatives and proxies of the following Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, viz:

Scioto Lodge, Chillicothe—Henry Brush, W. M., A. L. Langham, S. W., David Kinkade, J. W.
Lodge of Amity, Zanesville—Lewis Cass, Esq., proxy.
New England Lodge, Worthington—Lincoln Goodale, proxy.
Unity Lodge—Rial McArthur, proxy.
Morning Dawn Lodge, Gallipolis—Nath'l Gates, proxy.
Belmont Lodge, St. Clairsville—Henry Brush, proxy.
Hiram Lodge, Delaware—Solomon Smith, proxy.
St. Johns' Lodge—Charles Smith, W. M.
Centre Star Lodge, Granville—Justin Hillyer, W. M.
Mt. Zion Lodge, Clinton—Alfred Manning, proxy.
Meridian Orb Lodge—S. Huntington, proxy (who appoints Bro. Henry Brush in his stead)

A representation from a majority of the subordinate Lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and prayers were offered up to the Divine Architect by the M. W. Grand Master, the M. R. G. Chaplain being absent.

The M. W. G. Master was pleased to make the following appointments of standing committees, viz :

To examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Stewards of the Grand Charity fund—Bros. Kerr, Gates and McArthur ; with instructions to report a statement thereof on Wednesday evening next.

To examine attendant and visiting brethren—Bros. Beecher and Brush.

To hear grievances and examine into the same—Bros. Hillyer, Smith and Goodale ; and make report thereof to the Lodge.

Bro. *Gates* presented the By-Laws of Morning Dawn Lodge, for the consideration and sanction of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master presented to the Lodge a Masonic Oration, by him delivered at Zanesville ; which, by the request of the brethren, was read.

The R. W. D. Grand Master, on behalf of the Lodge, expressed their thanks, and desired that the Oration might be deposited among the archives of the Lodge.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 8, A. L. 5812.

Present as on Monday, except the W. Grand Treasurer, (Bro. Rial McArthur, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.)* Also, Bro. William R. Goodwin, W. M. and Representative of Cincinnati Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded by ballot to elect Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon the election was declared and proclaimed as follows :

Brother LEWIS CASS, M. W. Grand Master.
" JACOB BURNET, R. W. D. Grand Master.
" PHILEMON BEECHER, W. Grand Treasurer.
" ANGUS LEWIS LANGHAM, Grand Secretary.
" ELIJAH B. MERWIN, Grand Orator.

None of the brethren having received a majority of the votes present for the offices of Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Stewards of the Grand Charity fund, the election of said officers is deferred until to-morrow evening.

Brother *Goodwin* presented documents relative to the proceedings of the late Nova Cesarea, and the Cincinnati Lodges, and the conduct of the brethren of said Lodges ; and soliciting the mediation of this Grand Lodge ; which were read, and the further consideration thereof deferred until to-morrow evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, January 9, A. L. 5812.

Present, as yesternight, except Bros. John Woodbridge, as J. W. *pro tem.*; Elijah B. Merwin, as S. Deacon *pro tem.*; Thomas Steel, as J. Deacon *pro tem.*

The Lodge proceeded to the election of the Grand Wardens, and Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund. Whereupon, the election was declared and proclaimed, as follows:

Brother HENRY BRUSH, W. Senior Grand Warden.
" EDWARD W. TUPPER, W. Junior Grand Warden.
" LEVIN BELT, } Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.
" JOHN WOODBRIDGE, }
" JOHN WADDLE }
" JAMES BARNES, }

The M. W. Grand Master then made the following appointments, viz:

Brother HIRAM M. CURRY, M. R. Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN WOODBRIDGE, Grand Senior Deacon.
" ROBERT KERCHEVAL, Grand Junior Deacon.
" RALPH OSBORN, Grand Marshal.
" HENRY VANMETER, Grand Sword Bearer.
" FRANCIS KERR, Grand Pursuivant.
" PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler.

On consideration of the documents relative to the Lodges of Nova Cesarea and Cincinnati,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommends to the Cincinnati Lodge to pay up their dues to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and have leave to withdraw their Charter from this Grand Lodge, and return the same to the said Grand Lodge of Kentucky; and that they inform the Grand Lodge of New Jersey of the step thus taken—requesting them to return their original Charter, with an assurance that they will pay all regular dues. *And further*, That the said Lodge of Cincinnati be hereafter known and called by the name of *Nova Cesarea Lodge*, and by that name be represented in this Grand Lodge. And on complying with the above, the said Lodge shall be entitled to a Charter from this Grand Lodge, and not otherwise.

Resolved, also, That the M. W. Grand Master communicate the result of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge on the subject matter of this resolution, to the Grand Lodges of New Jersey and Kentucky, and request their approbation and concurrence.

On motion, seconded,

Resolved, That agreeably to the prayer of the several petitions, Charters do issue to the Brethren of Cleveland, to hold a Lodge there, by the name of *Concord;* to the Brethren of St. Clairsville, to hold a Lodge there by the name of *Belmont Lodge;* to the Brethren of Delaware to hold a Lodge there by the name of *Hiram Lodge;* and to the Brethren of Hamilton, (Butler county,) to hold a Lodge there by the name of *Washington Lodge.*

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to number the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Lodge, beginning with the No. 2, and continuing progressively, agreeably to their respective Charters.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Secretary obtain a seal for this Grand Lodge, having the device of the seal made use of by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, with this difference: that the common gavel and trowel be substituted for the level and plumb.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed a salary of fifty dollars for his services, besides the perquisites allowed by the By-Laws.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee heretofore appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund

and report a statement thereof, be discharged; and that another be appointed, consisting of brethren residing in or near Chillicothe, to do that duty during recess of the Lodge; and make report thereof to the next communication.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. Kerr, Woodbridge and Belt, said committee.

On motion seconded,

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to appoint a proxy, to represent this Grand Lodge in a Convention (if any should be) to establish a Grand Lodge for the Union.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 11, A. L. 5812.

Present, as on Tuesday evening, except Bro. Charles Smith, as J. W. *pro tem.;* Rial McArthur, as Grand Deacon *pro tem.*; Justin Hillyer, as Grand J. Deacon *pro tem.* Also, Bro. Joseph Vance, proxy, and representative from Harmony Lodge.

On motion of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, and the subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction, assume the usual badges of mourning for the term of six months, as a testimony of respect to the memory of our departed Brother JOSEPH HAMILTON DAVIESS, late Grand Master of the State of Kentucky, who fell, fighting gallantly, in the late engagement on the banks of the Wabash.

On motion of the W. Grand Treasurer,

Resolved, That two hundred copies of the oration presented to this Grand Lodge by the M. W. Grand Master, be printed; and that the Secretary be directed to distribute five copies to each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to the Lodge at Marietta; and one to each Grand Lodge in the United States.

The following resolutions, proposing amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, were submitted in open Lodge by Bro. *Brush*, and seconded by the R. W. Bro. *Burnet*, to be acted on at the next Grand Communication:

1. *Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended, that the Grand Officers consist of those mentioned therein, and a Grand Lecturer in addition, as the seventh grand officer. And

2. That all Past Masters shall be entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge; but their privilege of voting, regulated by the eighth Article.

Also, the following, submitted by Bro. *Kerr*, seconded by Bro. *Brush:*

In Article 8th insert the words: "who are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge," between the words "Past Masters," and "collectively."

On motion, seconded, the following received the approbation and sanction of the brethren of the Grand Lodge, and is by them submitted to the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction for their consideration:

That on the first Monday in August next, one representative from each Lodge shall meet at Chillicothe, for the purpose of adopting an uniform and correct course of lectures in the different degrees of Masonry; and to consider of the propriety of appointing a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit the Lodges successively, at their expense, to instruct them in the principles and mysteries of the Masonic art.

No further business appearing for the good of Masonry in general, or of this Grand Lodge in particular, the same was closed in harmony.

ANGUS LEWIS LANGHAM, *Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, January 4, A. D. 1813.

M. W. Henry Brush, *Grand Master.*

At a Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Chillicothe, State of Ohio, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1813, A. L. 5813, the [time] appointed for the fifth annual Grand Communication of the said Grand Lodge, there were present as follows, viz:

M. W. Lewis Cass, Esq., Grand Master,
R. W Jacob Burnet, D. G. Master,
W. James Kilbourn, G. S. W. *pro tem*,
W. John Kerr, G. J. W. *pro tem.*,
W. Rob. Kercheval, G. Secretary *pro tem.*,
W. E. B. Merwin, G. Treasurer *pro tem.*,
W. Rial McArthur, G. S. D. *pro tem.*,
W. Thomas Orr, G. J. D. *pro tem.*,
W. Thomas Steele, G. S. and T. *pro tem.*

Representatives and proxies from the following subordinate Lodges were in attendance, viz:

Cincinnati Lodge, No. 2,
New England, No. 4,
Scioto, No. 6,
Morning Dawn, No. 7,
Harmony, No. 8,
Centre Star, No. 11,
Unity, No. 12,
Concord, No. 15,
Belmont, No. 16,
Farmers', No. 20,

Also, Brothers Richard Douglas, Z. A. Beatty, D. Kinkead, ——Stone, Amasa Delano, S. Bland, Ezra Osborn, Edmund Herrick, Elnathan Scofield, Levin Belt, E. J. Dayton, J. Ruggles and Levi Barber.

A representation from a majority of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge being present, the Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

The credentials of the representatives and proxies were on motion referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Kilbourn, McArthur and Sum-

mers, for the purpose of examining the same and to make report to-morrow evening.

The following committees were appointed by the M. W. Grand Master:

On the books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer—Bros. J. Kilbourn, Edwin Mathews, Robert Safford.

To examine attending and visiting brethren—Bros. John Kerr, Wm. R. Southward.

To hear grievances—Bros. Lewis Summers, S. S. Baldwin, S. Vance.

A petition from a number of Master Masons residing in the county of Pickaway, praying to be erected into a Lodge in the town of Circleville, in said county, to be called "*Pickaway Lodge*, No. —," was handed in and read. Whereupon, it was referred to Bros. Merwin, McArthur and Dillon, to make report thereon.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of the States of Virginia, Delaware and New Jersey, upon subjects of a general nature, together with a letter from Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 7, on the subject of appointing a Grand Lecturer, which had been received by the Grand Secretary during recess of the Grand Lodge, were handed in, and referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Vance, Summers and Kilbourn.

The M. W. Grand Master laid before the Grand Lodge a petition signed by a number of Master Masons at Belpre, in the county of Washington, accompanied by a dispensation issued in pursuance thereof on the 17th of March last, which were ordered to lie upon the table for consideration.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed, and the communication adjourned until to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock.

LEWIS CASS, *Grand Master.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary pro tem.*

TUESDAY, January 5, 1813.

The Grand Lodge met, agreeably to adjournment. Present as follows:

M. W. LEWIS CASS, Esq., Grand Master,
R. W. JACOB BURNET, Esq., D. G. Master,
W. JAMES KILBOURN, G. S W. *pro tem.*,
W. RIAL MCARTHUR, G. J. W. *pro tem.*,
ROBERT KERCHEVAL, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*,
E. B. MERWIN, Grand Treasurer "
J. STEEL, S. G. Deacon "
WM. R. SOUTHWARD, G. J. Deacon "
PETER SPURCK, G. Steward and Tyler.

The Representatives and proxies from ten Lodges in attendance as yesterday. Also, Bros. Humphrey Fullerton, Levin Belt, Abel Renick, S. Stone, Amasa Delano, David Kinkead, R. Graham, E. J. Dayton.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Bro. Samuel Bayles, representative from Washington Lodge, No. 17, and Bro. William Little, representative from Hiram Lodge, No. 18, appeared, presented their credentials and took their seats; and said credentials referred to the committee heretofore appointed on that snbject.

The committee to whom were referred the credentials of the representatives and proxies of the subordinate Lodges, reported as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the credentials of representatives and proxies of the brethren representing the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report: That they have attended to the duty of their said appointment; and find that the following brethren are duly authorized to represent the several Lodges to which their names are respectively affixed—that is to say:

Cincinnati Lodge, No. 2—Bro. Edwin Matthews, W. M.
New England Lodge, No. 4—Bro. James Kilbourn, W. M.
Scioto Lodge, No. 6—Bro. Henry Brush, W. M., Wm. R. Southward, J. W.
Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 7—Bro. Ro. Safford, S. W., Lewis Summers, proxy.
Harmony Lodge, No. 8—Bro. Samuel Vance, representative.
Center Star Lodge, No. 11—Bro. Julius Coleman, representative.
Unity Lodge, No. 12—Rial McArthur, W. M.
Concord Lodge, No. 15—Bro. Samuel S. Baldwin, representative.
Belmont Lodge, No. 16—Bro Josiah Dillon, representative.
Washington Lodge, No. 17—Bro. Samuel Bayles, W. M.
Hiram Lodge, No. 18—Bros. Reuben Lamb, Wm. Little, representatives
Farmers' Lodge, No. 20—Bro. E. B. Matthews, proxy.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES KILBOURN, *Chairman.*

Which report, on motion of Bro. *Baldwin*, was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of grand officers for the ensuing year; and upon the votes being taken, the following brethren were proclaimed duly elected:

M. W. HENRY BRUSH, Grand Master.
R. W. JAMES KILBOURN, D. G. Master.
W. EDWARD W. TUPPER, G. S. Warden.
W. LEVIN BELT, G. J. Warden.
ROBERT KERCHEVAL, Grand Secretary.
DAVID KINKEAD, Grand Treasurer.
JOHN WOODBRIDGE, JOHN WADDLE, JAMES BARNES, WM. R. SOUTHWARD, } Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Brother RIAL MCARTHUR, Grand Senior Deacon.
" EDWIN MATHEWS, Grand Junior Deacon.
" PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler.
" E. B. MERWIN, Grand Orator.
" RALPH OSBORN, Grand Marshal.
" THOMAS ORR, Grand Sword Bearer.
" HENRY VANMETER, Grand Pursuivant.
" HIRAM M. CURRY, Grand Chaplain.

The officers of the Grand Lodge were duly installed into the offices to which they were respectively elected, agreeably to the ancient customs and forms of Masonry.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Brethren of Circleville, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry Brethren of Circleville and its vicinity, have taken into consideration the same; and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted. They would, therefore, recommend that a Dispensation be issued accordingly.

E. B. MERWIN, *Chairman.*

And upon motion that the Lodge agree to said report, it was determined in the affirmative.

Bro. *Edwin Mathews* laid before the Grand Lodge sundry documents relative to the proceedings of Cincinnati Lodge, No. 2, with the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and New Jersey; which were referred to Bros. Baldwin, Belt and Safford to report thereon.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed, and the Communication adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, January 6, 5813.

The Grand Lodge opened pursuant to its adjournment.

Present.—M. W. HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master*—

Together with the same Officers, Representatives and proxies, as on Tuesday, except New England Lodge No. 4, Harmony Lodge No. 8, and Farmers' Lodge, No. 20.

Visiting Brethren.—S. Stone, E. J. Dayton, Jacob Burnet, John A. Fulton, Jeremiah M'Lene, ——— Wilcox, Amasa Delano, and Thomas Orr.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Bro. *Ichabod Nye*, the representative of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 9, appeared and took his seat.

The committee to whom were referred the documents relative to Cincinnati Lodge, No. 2, reported as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the documents relative to the situation of Cincinnati and Nova Cesarea Lodges, beg leave to report: That after having taken into consideration all the matters and things contained in said document, together with other evidence had before the committee, they are of opinion that this Grand Lodge ought to grant a Charter to both of the said Lodges, constituting them one Lodge, to be known by the name of the *Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge, No.* 2, with all the privileges of a subordinate Lodge.

Respectfully submitted, ROBT. SAFFORD, *Chairman.*

The above report being considered, the Grand Lodge came to the following resolutions:

Whereas, It appears to this Grand Lodge, that the Brethren of Cincinnati Lodge, working by virtue of a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the Brethren of Nova Cesarea Lodge, subordinate to the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, residents in the county of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, having obtained a legal discharge from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges aforesaid, by having paid up their dues and returned their Charters: *And, Whereas*, It is made further to appear to this Grand Lodge, that the said Cincinnati and Nova Cesarea Lodges are desirous to unite themselves into one Lodge, and thus place themselves under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge: Therefore—

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the aforesaid Cincinnati and Nova Cesarea Lodges, are hereby declared to be incorporated into one Lodge, to be known and recognized by the name of the *Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge, No.* 2, to be held in the town of Cincinnati, and State aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge is declared a subordinate Lodge, and entitled to like privileges and benefits with other subordinate Lodges, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a Charter to the said Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge, No. 2, accordingly; and that the name Cincinnati Lodge No. 2, be abolished, and engrossed in the aforesaid title and number.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Grand Lodge took into consideration the following resolution amending the Constitution and By-Laws:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended that the Grand Officers consist of those mentioned therein, and a Grand Lecturer in addition, as the seventh Grand Officer."

Which amendment was proposed in open Lodge at the last Grand Communication, and laid over one year for consideration. And upon the the question being put, *Will the Grand Lodge adopt the amendment contemplated in the above resolution?* it was decided in the affirmative, voting by Lodges.

Those who voted in the affirmative were the M. W. Grand Master, W. Senior and Junior Wardens collectively, Past Masters collectively, Scioto Lodge No. 6, Centre Star Lodge No. 11, Unity Lodge No. 12, Concord Lodge No. 15, Belmont Lodge No. 16, Washington Lodge No. 17, Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9—10.

Those who voted in the negative were Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7—1.

And on motion that the Grand Lodge do now proceed to ballot for a Grand Lecturer, it was decided in the negative.

The following additional amendment was then taken into consideration:

Resolved, That all Past Masters shall be entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge, but the privilege of voting, regulated by the 8th Article; and that in the 8th Article insert the words "who are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge," between the words "Past Masters and "collectively"—so that the 8th Article will read as amended as follows:

ARTICLE 8. All matters of controversy before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes: that is to say, the Grand Master or presiding officer having one vote, (unless in cases of an equal division, and then two,) the Deputy Grand Master one vote, the Grand Wardens for the time being collectively one vote, the Past Grand Officers and Past Masters who are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge collectively one vote, and the officers (or representatives) of each subordinate Lodge collectively one vote. It is, however, understood that no brother can vote in a double capacity.

The question being taken upon the adoption of the above amendment, it was decided in the affirmative.

Nothing further appearing this Grand Lodge was closed, and the Communication adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

ROBT. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY, Jan. 7, A. D. 1813.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present the same officers and members as yesterday. Also, visitors, Brother John A. Fulton, Thos. Steel, Jacob Burnet, Jeremiah M'Lene, E. J. Dayton, Samuel Herrick, Lewis Cass, E. Herrick, Thos. Orr, S. Stone and John Kerr.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Bro. *S. Baldwin* presented a petition signed by a number of Master Masons residing in the town of Ashtabula, in the county of Ashtabula, and State of Ohio, praying that a Dispensation might issue, authorizing them with such others as shall hereafter join them, to assemble and open a Lodge of Masons in the said town of Ashtabula, to be denominated *Rising Sun Lodge, No.* —." Which petition, on motion, was referred to Bros. Baldwin and Kilbourn, to report thereon.

Bro. *Rial McArthur* presented a petition signed by a number of Master Masons residing in the county of Trumbull, and State of Ohio, praying that a Dispensation may issue, authorizing them to open and hold a Lodge, to be denominated the *Western Star Lodge, No.* —, in the town of Canfield, in said county. Which, on motion, was referred to a committee consisting of Bros. Belt, Dillon and McArthur.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary issue a Charter to the Brethren of Farmers' Lodge, No. 20.

In pursuance of an amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, adopted last evening, the Grand Lodge proceeded by ballot to the election of a Grand Lecturer, as the seventh Grand Officer; and upon the votes being counted, Bro. *Robert Safford*, of Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 7, was proclaimed duly elected.

The following preamble and resolutions, after a few short, but impressive remarks, were introduced by the late Grand Master, Bro. *Cass:*

The *East*, the *West* and the *South* of the Grand Lodge of Ohio do declare: That the defenders of their country have a right to expect their country's approbation. The lamented death of Bro. BENONI PIERCE, who died nobly, while fighting bravely the battles of his country, demands the expression of our grief for his loss, and our affection for his memory. Therefore—

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That this Grand Lodge, and the subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction, assume the usual badges of mourning for the term of

three months, as a testimony of respect for the memory of our departed Brother; Captain BENONI PIERCE, who fell in the late engagement on the Mississinawa river.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to transmit to the widow of our deceased Brother, a letter of condolence; expressing the regret which the Grand Lodge feels in the irreparable loss she has sustained.

Resolved, That the Grand Master do also, out of the Grand Charity Fund, transmit to the widow of our deceased Brother the sum of ——— dollars.

The blank in the third resolution was filled with the word "fifty," and the said preamble and resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

Nothing further appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed, and the Communication adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

FRIDAY, January 8, 1813.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form. Present the same officers and members as yesterday.

Bro. *Rial McArthur* produced a letter from Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19, (U. D.,) appointing him as the proxy of said Lodge, in this Grand Lodge. And after the same was read, the Grand Lodge came to the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the credentials whereby Bro. R. McArthur is constituted the proxy of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19, be considered authentic and satisfactory; and that the said Brother be recognized and known as the legal representative of said Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary do enter upon the records of the Grand Lodge the said Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19, and that the said Lodge be admitted to the same rights and privileges as the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the said Lodge be recommended to continue to work under the Dispensation constituting [erecting] said Lodge until the next grand communication.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Brethren residing in the town of Ashtabula reported:

That the prayers of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted; and would recommend that the Grand Lodge grant them a Dispensation.

Which report was agreed to, and the Grand Secretary directed to prepare a Dispensation accordingly.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the Brethren in Canfield, Trumbull county, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the petition (and accompanying recommendation of Erie Lodge, No. 3), of a number of brethren of the town of Canfield and its vicinity, praying to be erected into a new Lodge, to be designated the *Western Star Lodge, No.* ——, have carefully examined the same, and are of the opinion that the prayer of said petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted. They would, therefore, recommend that a Dispensation be issued to the said Brethren, authorizing them to work as Masons.

LEVIN BELT, *Chairman.*

And upon motion to agree to the report, it was decided in the affirmative.

The unfinished business of yesterday was called up; whereupon the Grand Lodge came to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That a committee of five be appointed by the Grand Master, to agree upon and report at the next annual grand communication, a uniform mode of working for this and the several subordinate Lodges throughout the State.

In conformity to the foregoing resolution, Bros. James Kilbourn, E. B. Merwin, Robert Safford, Edwin Mathews and James Barnes were appointed said committee.

The following resolutions were also introduced and passed:

CONCERNING DELINQUENT LODGES.—*Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio*, That all subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who have been working by Dispensation for more than one year, be requested by the Grand Secretary to pay up their dues; and to furnish this Grand Lodge their reasons (if any they have) for not having done so before; and to return their dispensations and apply for charters at the next annual grand communication.

DIRECTING MINUTES TO BE PRINTED.—*Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Communication printed; and that he be directed to transmit a copy thereof to each of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge—to the Lodge at Marietta, and to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States, and that the expenses for the same be defrayed out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

ADJOURNING THE GRAND COMMUNICATION.—*Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio*, That this grand communication be now adjourned until the first Monday in January next; and that the Grand Lodge be now closed.

The Grand Lodge was accordingly declared, in the name of the Holy Craft, duly closed.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, January 3, A. D. 1814.

M. W. HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Bro. BARNES, Chillicothe.]

AT a Grand Communication begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Chillicothe, on Monday, the third day of January, in the year of Redemption 1814, and of Masonry 5814—there were present as follows, viz:

M. W. HENRY BRUSH, Grand Master.
W. EDWARD W. TUPPER, Grand Senior Warden.
W. EDWIN MATTHEWS, Grand Junior W. *pro tem.*
ROBERT KERCHEVAL, Grand Secretary.
DAVID KINKEAD, Grand Treasurer.
RIAL MCARTHUR, Grand Senior Deacon.
THOMAS STEEL, Grand Junior Deacon.
PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Together with other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and representatives and proxies from the subordinate Lodges.

A majority of all the Lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

The Most Worshipful appointed the following committees:

Committee of Accounts.—Edwin Matthews, Aaron Strong, W. Reynolds,

A Committee to Examine Visiting and Attending Brethren.—Walter Dunn, W. R. Southward.

A Committee to hear Grievances.—Edward W. Tupper, Jacob Burnet, E. Granger.

On motion,

Ordered, That the credentials of the representatives and proxies constituting this Grand Lodge, be referred to a committee of two brethren, to report thereon to-morrow evening.

Ordered, That Brothers Treasurer and Secretary be said committee.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee of Accounts examine and report to-morrow evening, what Lodges have failed to be represented in this Grand Lodge, since its organization up to the present year.

Brother *Burnet* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to open a correspondence with the Lodge at Marietta, on the subject of rendering themselves subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and that he report the result thereof to the next Grand Communication.

Nothing further appearing, this Grand Lodge was closed, and the Communication adjourned until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *G. M.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *G. Secretary.*

TUESDAY, January 4th, 1814.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment.—Present as yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

Brother *Samuel H. Smith*, representative from Mount Zion Lodge, appeared and took his seat.

Brother *Rial McArthur* moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19, is entitled to receive a charter from this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare and deliver the same to the proxy of said Lodge.

Resolved, That Western Star Lodge, No. 21, be authorized to continue to work under the authority of the dispensation granted by this Grand Lodge on the 8th day of January, 1813, until the next Grand Communication.

Brother *Ralph Osborn* moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Grand Communication, that Pickaway Lodge, No. 23, has been established but about nine months, and that from their pecuniary situation, they are desirous of being permitted to work under the dispensation heretofore granted them—Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Pickaway Lodge, No. 23, be and they are hereby authorized to work under the said dispensation until the next Grand Communication, and that the Grand Secretary return the same to said Lodge, indorsed accordingly.

Ordered, That the committee of Accounts have until to-morrow evening to complete their report.

The committee to whom were referred the credentials of the representatives and proxies constituting the present Grand Communication, handed in their report, which was taken up and read as follows:

We, the committee appointed to examine the credentials of the representatives and proxies constituting the present Grand Lodge, beg leave respectfully to report that we find the following subordinate Lodges duly represented in the Grand Lodge as follows, to wit:

Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge, No. 2.—Bro. Edwin Matthews, Representative.
Erie Lodge, No. 3 —Bro. Rial McArthur, Representative.
New England Lodge, No 4.—Bro. Aaron Strong, Representative.
Amity Lodge, No 5.—Bro. Wm. Reynolds, Representative.
Scioto Lodge, No. 6.—Bros W. Dunn, William R. Southward, John Waddle, officers, Representatives.
Morning Dawn Lodge, No 7.—Bros. E. W. Tupper and L. Summers, Representatives.
Harmony Lodge, No. 8.
Mount Zion Lodge No. 9.—Samuel H. Smith, Representative.
Meridian Orb Lodge, No. 10.—John H. Strong, Proxy.
Centre Star Lodge, No. 11.—Elias Gilmore, Representative.
Unity Lodge, No 12.—Rial McArthur, Representative.
St. John's Lodge, No. 13.—Elisha Searls, Representative.
Franklin Lodge, No. 14 —Alexander Ewing, Representative.
Concord Lodge, No 15 —John H. Strong, Representative.
Belmont Lodge, No. 16.—James Barnes, Proxy.
Washington Lodge, No. 17.—Ed. Matthews, Proxy.
Hiram Lodge, No. 18.—Solomon Smith, Representative.
Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19.—Rial McArthur, Proxy.
Farmers' Lodge, No. 20.—Joseph Barker, Jr., Representative.
Western Star Lodge, No. 21.—Rial McArthur, Proxy.
Rising Sun Lodge, No. 22.
Pickaway Lodge, No. 23.—Ralph Osborn, Representative.
Army Lodge, No. 24.—
Paramuthia Lodge, No. 25.—Elijah Hatch, Proxy.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. Kercheval, David Kinkead, } *Committee.*

Which, on motion, was agreed to.

Brother *W. R. Southward* moved that a committee of two be appointed, to prepare and report on to-morrow evening, a circular letter, to be addressed to each of the subordinate Lodges in this State, and to each of the Grand Lodges of the United States, apprising them that two foreigners, calling themselves Anthoni Lognito and J. Knock, Italians or Spaniards by birth, who are traveling under the character of Masons, for the ostensible object of relieving by contributions the distresses of six brethren held in captivity in a foreign country, have been discovered to be impostors;—which motion was agreed to, and Brothers Lewis Summers and Walter Dun were appointed said committee.

The Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund handed in their report—which, upon motion, was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Matthews*,

Ordered, That the committee that were appointed at the last Grand Communication, to prepare and report a uniform mode of working for the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Lodge, be discharged. and that another committee be appointed for the same purpose, to report during the present Grand Communication.

Brothers Edwin Matthews, James Barnes, Ed. W. Tupper, William Reynolds and Rial McArthur were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *McArthur*,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the situation of Erie Lodge, No. 3, to report to-morrow evening.

Brothers Southward and Strong were appointed said committee.

Brother *Ewing* offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That Franklin Lodge, No. 14, be authorized to continue working under the dispensation organizing said Lodge until the next Grand Communication.

Which, on motion, was adopted.

Brother Lewis Summers submitted the following resolution as an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be so amended "That when any subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of fifteen dollars, the same shall be taken and received in full of the assessments authorized by the 29th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge for the year for which the same shall be paid."

Which being seconded, was ordered to lay over until the next Grand Communication for consideration.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year—and a ballot being taken, the following brethren were declared duly elected:

Brother Henry Brush, Grand Master.
" James Kilbourn, Deputy Grand Master.
" Edward W. Tupper, Senior Grand Warden.
" Levin Belt, Junior Grand Warden.
" Robert Kercheval, Grand Secretary.
" David Kinkead, Grand Treasurer.
" Edwin Matthews, Grand Lecturer.

The Most Worshipful reäppointed the brothers to the offices they respectively filled, except the Grand Junior Deacon—Brother Solomon Smith, of Hiram Lodge, was appointed Grand Junior Deacon.

Nothing further appearing, this Grand Lodge was closed and the Communication adjourned until to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *G. M.*

R. Kercheval, *Grand Secretary.*

Wednesday, January 5th, 1814.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in due form.

The committee of Accounts handed in their report, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That in future no Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, will be considered duly represented unless returns accompany such representation.

Which report and resolution were agreed to.

Brother *Ralph Osborn* moved the following resolution:

Whereas, It appears by the return of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, at the Grand Communication of January, 1813, that Brother Philemon Beecher stands suspended for non-

attendance and non-payment of dues: And whereas, satisfactory reasons were given to that Grand Communication, and also to this Grand Communication, that the dues had been paid and that the return was made through mistake. Therefore,

Resolved, That the suspension heretofore made be taken off, and that Brother Philemon Beecher be reïnstated in this Grand Lodge.

Which, on motion, was referred to Scioto Lodge, No. 6.

Nothing further appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed, and the Communication adjourned until to-morrow evening, 6 o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *G. M.*

ROBERT KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY, January 6th, 1814.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

Brother *McArthur* moved the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this Grand Communication that the widows of our deceased Brothers, Ralph Buckland and William Logan, the one of Portage and the other of Trumbull county, are in a situation which calls for the benevolent hand of charity to be extended towards them: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund be authorized to transmit to each of the widows of our said deceased brethren the sum of twenty-five dollars.

The committee to whom were referred the subject in relation to Erie Lodge, No. 3, withdrew their report, and were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

The committee appointed upon the subject of establishing an uniform mode of working throughout the State, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to inquire and agree upon an uniform mode of working, report, that they are of the opinion that the mode of working ought to be vested in the Grand Lecturer. They would further recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, That the Grand Lecturer have full power and authority to appoint as many Deputy Grand Lecturers to assist him in the discharge of the duties appertaining to his office, as in his opinion the good of the craft may require.

W. REYNOLDS,
AARON STRONG,
RIAL MCARTHUR,
EDWIN MATTHEWS.

Which report, for further consideration, was laid over until to-morrow evening.

Brother *Osborn* moved the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That all Lodges which were working under legal authority in this State, at the time of the first Convention of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive charters free of any expense (except the Grand Secretary's fee) and all such Lodges as have paid for their charters shall have credit for the same.

Resolved, That all subordinate Lodges that have worked under a dispensation in consequence of the inability of the Grand Lodge to grant charters when applied for, and have since obtained a charter, shall have a credit for the Grand Lodge fees of said dispensation.

And upon the question—*Will the Grand Lodge adopt the first resolution?*—it was unanimously determined in the affirmative—voting by Lodges.

The second resolution was, upon motion, also adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare the form of a circular letter, reported the form of one, which met the views and approbation of the Grand Lodge, which, on motion, was ordered to be printed.

Brother *Samuel H. Smith*, of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 9, laid before the Grand Lodge a memorial, setting forth that he had, at the request of a number of Master Masons, undertaken to procure upon their petition, and the recommendation of the said Mount Zion Lodge, No. 9, a charter to authorize them to work as Masons in the town of Mansfield; which petition and recommendation were mislaid or lost, and praying the Grand Lodge to grant to the said brethren the charter prayed for—which memorial was, on motion, referred to brothers Tupper and Barker, to report thereon to-morrow evening.

Nothing further appearing, this Grand Lodge was closed, and the Communication adjourned until to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *G. M.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

FRIDAY, January 7th, 1814.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

On motion,

Ordered, That Rising Sun Lodge, No. 22, be authorized to work under her present authority until the next Grand Communication.

Ordered, That Erie Lodge, No. 3, be entitled to receive a charter, and that the Grand Secretary prepare one accordingly.

On motion,

Ordered, That New England Lodge, No. 4, and Paramuthia Lodge, No. 25, be entitled to receive their charters, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to prepare them accordingly.

The resolution of the committee upon the subject of an uniform mode of working, etc., introduced last evening, was taken up, and, upon motion, agreed to.

Brother *Barker* introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer and his deputies shall have full power and authority to notify the presiding officers of any subordinate Lodge under his or their jurisdiction, to cause their Lodge at any time to convene, for the purpose of instructing them in the work of Masonry.

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer or his deputies shall be entitled to receive from each subordinate Lodge which they shall visit for the purpose of lecturing, two dollars for every twenty-five miles they shall travel to and from said lodge, and the sum of three dollars for every day employed by them in lecturing said Lodge.

Which resolutions, on motion, were unanimously adopted.

The committee to whom were referred the memorial of Brother Samuel H. Smith, reported that it was a subject upon which this Grand Lodge could take no order.

The following document was received from Scioto Lodge, No. 6:

SCIOTO LODGE, No. 6, Wednesday, January 5th, 1814.

On motion,

Ordered, That Brothers Philemon Beecher and Samuel Huntington be reïnstated to their privileges in this Lodge, from which they were suspended, in consideration of the payment of their dues; and that the Secretary be directed to report this order to the Grand Lodge.

JOHN P. FESSENDEN, *Secretary*.

Brother *Dun* presented the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, In some instances, subordinate Lodges have initiated applicants, whose ordinary places of residence were in the neighborhood of other Lodges—*And whereas*, such a practice has introduced and has a tendency to introduce into our society many members of doubtful characters: Therefore,

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That it be recommended to the subordinate Lodges not to initiate any applicant whose residence is in the neighborhood of any subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, unless such applicant be recommended by the officers of the Lodge nearest his residence.

And on motion of Brother *Barnes*, to strike out all after the words "Grand Lodge," it was determined in the negative, voting by Lodges.

Those who voted in the affirmative were—

Scioto Lodge, No. 6.
Belmont Lodge, No. 16—2.

Those who voted in the negative were—

M. W. Grand Master,
W. Sr. and Jr. Wardens, collectively,
N. C. Harmony Lodge, No. 2,
Erie Lodge, No. 3,
Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 7,
Meridian Orb Lodge, No. 10,
Unity Lodge, No. 12,
St. Johns' Lodge, No. 13,
Concord Lodge, No. 15,
Washington Lodge, No. 17,
Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19,
Farmers' Lodge, No. 20,
Western Star Lodge, No. 21,
Paramuthia Lodge, No. 25—14.

The motion to adopt the resolution was also decided in the negative, voting by Lodges—Scioto, Belmont and Paramuthia voting in the affirmative—3. Negative—13.

Brother *Dun* then proposed the following as an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge—which being seconded by Brother *Barnes*, was ordered to lay over until the next Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for consideration:

WHEREAS, In many instances the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have initiated applicants whose ordinary places of residence were in the neighborhood of other Lodges—*And whereas*, such a practice has introduced, and has the greatest tendency to introduce into our society many members of doubtful characters. Therefore,

Resolved, That it shall not be lawful for any Lodge working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to initiate applicants whose place of residence is in the neighborhood of any other Lodge working under the said jurisdiction.

On motion,

Ordered, That Paramuthia Lodge, No. 25, be credited by the fee paid for dispensation.

Brother *Edwin Matthews* moved the following resolutions, which were agreed to:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to procure for the use of the Grand Lodge, appropriate jewels and sashes to be worn by the Grand Officers for the time being; and also the like appropriate jewels for the past Grand Officers—to be presented to them by the Grand Master for the time being, as a memorial of the esteem of the Grand Lodge, if found worthy.

Resolved, further, That the subordinate Lodges be requested to procure for themselves appropriate jewels, sashes and aprons, to be worn by their representatives and proxies while attending the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have 100 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, together with an equal number of copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, with their late amendments, printed—that he be directed to transmit a copy thereof to each of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and also one to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States—and that the expense of the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine and enroll the minutes and proceedings of this Grand Communication.

Resolved, That this Grand Annual Communication, having completed the business for which they were assembled, be now adjourned until the first Monday of January next, and that the Grand Lodge be now closed.

The resolution being adopted, the Grand Lodge, in the name of the Holy Craft, was duly closed.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

ROBERT KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

RETURN of Nova C. Lodge, No. 2, held in the town of Cincinnati, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

Edwin Matthews, W. M.	Robert Best, J. D.
Samuel W. Davies, S. W.	Solomon Sisco, Tyler.
Davis Embree, J. W.	John Meredith, } Stewards.
John Mahard, Sec.	Henry Hafer, } Stewards.
John Gibson, Treas.	Sam'l Ramey, } Standing Com.
James H. Speer, S. D.	John Meredith, } Standing Com.

Past Masters.

Edwin Matthews,	Burrows Smith,	John Meredith,	William Harlaw,
Davis Embree,	William Stanley,	Thomas Summers,	John Mahard,
Joseph Warner,	John S. Gano,	Samuel Ramsey,	Stephen M'Farland,
Francis Carr,	Nathaniel Edson,	Robert Best,	Daniel Symmes,
John Cranmer,	Grove B. West,	Thomas Dugan,	David Kilgore.
Calvin Washburn,	Joseph Walker,	Maxwell Hargroves,	

Master Masons.

Samuel W. Davies, James H. Speers, Joel Williams, John Mears, George Ely, John Sheets, Jacob Baymiller, Henry Hafer, Jacob Huber, Samuel McHenry, Thomas Ross, John Gibson, John Wright, Robert Brasher, Daniel Horn, John Andrews, William H. Hopkins, Robert Breckenridge, Andrew Wallace, Daniel Jones, Vere Royse, Robert Haynes.

Fellow Crafts.

Samuel Hough, George Kessling, Francis West.

Entered Apprentices.

William Turner.

Return of Erie Lodge, No. 3, held at Warren, Trumbull county, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

Samuel Tyle, W. M.
Francis Freeman, S. W.
Elisha Whittlesey, J. W.
Seth Tracy, Treas.
William W. Cotgreave, Sec'y.
Calvin Austin, S. D.
Asahel Adams, J. D.
John Leavitt, Hez. Knapp, } Stewards.
A. Sutherland, Tyler.

Master Masons.

John W. Seely, Charles Dutton, William Rayen, Edward Scofield, A. Raker, George Tod, James Dunscomb, James Mitcheltree, Hez. Sperry, John S. Edwards, Ezekiel Hover, Eli Barnum, Otis Guild, A. Bentley, Robert Bentley, Jonathan Church, Stephen Oviatt, James Hillman, David Webb.

Entered Apprentices.

F. A. Blockson, Salmon Oviatt.

Dead.

John S. Edwards, January 23, 1813.
James Dunscomb, April 22.
Jonathan Church, November 22, 1813.

Return of New England Lodge, No. 4, held at Worthington, Franklin county, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

James H. Hills, W. M.
Joab Norton, S. W.
C. Barker, J. W.
Joel Buttles, Treas.
William Robe, Sec'y.
Cruger Wright, S. D.
Chester Pinney, J. D.
Abial Case, Steward and Tyler.

Master Masons.

James Kilbourn, Stephen Maynard, John Goodrich, Israel P. Case, James H. Hills, Levi Pinney, Chester Pinney, Alexander Morrison, Samuel Wilson, Thomas Palmer, Aaron Strong, Lincoln Goodale, Isaac Griswold, Noah Andrews, Ebenezer Goodrich, A. C. Pinney, Roswell Tuller, S. G. Humphrey, Samuel Sloper, Charles Thompson, Ethan Palmer, E. Loddington, Job W. Case, Calvin H. Case,

Abial Case, William Robe, Hector Kilbourn, George Osborn,
Cruger Wright, Joel Buttles, John Moore, O. Benedict.
C. Barker, Samuel Maynard, Samuel Shannon,

Fellow Crafts.

Peter Barker.

Return of Amity Lodge No. 5, held in the towns of Springfield and Zanesville, in the county of Muskingum, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

Isaac Van Horne, W. M.
William Reynolds, S. W.
A. H. Wood, J. W.
Seth Adams, Sec'y.
Peter Mills, Treas.
John Van Horne, S. D.
Alexander Harper, J. D.
John Reynolds, Tyler.

Past Masters.

Lewis Cass, Benjamin Tupper, Daniel Converse, Levi Whipple,

Master Masons.

Abel Lewis, Samuel Herrick, William Green, John Mathews.

Fellow Crafts.

N. Stone.

Apprentices.

John Reynolds, Alex. Harper.

Return of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, held at Chillicothe, in the county of Ross to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

Walter Dun, W. M.
Wm. R. Southward, S. W.
John Waddle, J. W.
John P. Fessenden, Sec'y.
David Kinkead, Treas.
Amasa Delano, S. D.
Thomas Orr, J. D.
J. M'Dougal, Steward and Tyler.

Past Masters.

Walter Dun, Samuel Huntington, Henry Brush, Jacob Burnet,
John Woodbridge, Philemon Beecher, James Barnes, John Waddle,
Joseph Scott.

Master Masons.

Wm. R. Southward, James M'Dougal, Thomas Steel, H. Buchanan,
Amasa Delano, David Kinkead, Robert Kercheval, Thomas Orr,
Wm. A. Trimble.

Fellow Crafts.

John Kinkead, Thomas Waller, Cadwallader Wallace.

Apprentices.

Robert Coburn, John Stockton, George Edwards.

Admitted.

John P. Fessenden, of Baltimore, September 1813.

Dead.

William Niblick.

Return of Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 7, held in Gallipolis, in the county of Gallia, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

——— ——— Master, resigned.
Robert Safford, S. W.
Nathl. Gates, J. W.
J. P. R. Bureau, Treas.
Francis Le Clercq, Sec'y.
Orasha Strong, S. D.
Charles Clendenen, J. D.
—— Tyler appointed every night.

Past Masters.

Andrew Lewis, Lewis Summers, J. P. R. Bureau, Edward W. Tupper, Nathaniel Gates.

Master Masons.

William Clendenen, James Wilson, Robert Hereford, Levi Stedman,
Joseph M Mullen, M. Bostick, David Irwin, Lewis Harvey,
Robert M Kee, Samuel W. Blagg, William Jones, John Miller.
W. Arbrickler, John Hannan, William Sterritt,

Fellow Crafts.

Phineas Mathews.

Apprentices.

Benjamin Brown, Edward S. Stribling, William Buffington, James Wilson.

Return of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 9, held in the town of Clinton, in the county of Knox, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

Alfred Manning, W. M.
Ichabod Nye, S. W.
Peter Wolf, J. W.
Oliver Strong, Sec'y.
William Bartlett, S. D.
John Wheeler, J. D.
John Barney, } Stewards,
Richard Fishback, }
Charles Barney, Tyler.

Past Masters.

Samuel H. Smith, Alfred Manning, Nicholas C. Boalse.

Master Masons.

Timothy Burr, James Low, John Holderman, Winn Winship,
Samuel Watson, James Miller, Peter Kinny, Daniel Dimrick,
George Downs, Levi Jones, Abner Oyers, John Garrison.
W. M. Roberts, Gilman Bryant, Amaziah Watson,

Fellow Crafts.

Daniel Ayers, Thomas M'Clure, John Hawn.

Apprentices.

Henry Markley, John Grear, John Williamson.

Dead.

Levi Jones.

Suspended.

Garret E. Pendergrass, for unmasonic conduct, December 27, 1813.

Expelled.

Alexander Enos, for gross unmasonic conduct, April 14, 1813.

Return of Meridian Orb Lodge, No. 10, *held in the town of Painesville, in the county of Geauga, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Edward Paine jun., W. M.
Daniel Olds jun., S. W.
Solomon Kingsberry, J. W.
Chandler Pease, Sec'y.
Isaac Palmer, Treas.
Gains Pease, S. D.
William P. Scott, J. D.
Ebenezer Williams, Steward.
Samuel Potter, Tyler.

Past Masters.

Edward W. Paine, Junior.

Master Masons.

Charles H. Paine, Uriah Bartram, Bell Kennedy.

Admitted.

Solomon Kingsberry, Charles H. Paine, Gains Pease.

Dead.

Joel Paine.

Return of Centre Star Lodge, No. 11, *held in the town of Granville, in the county of Licking, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Elias Gilman, W. M.
Timothy Spelman, S. W.
Noble Landon, J. W.
Horace Wolcott, Sec'y.
Hiram Rose, Treas.
Justin Hillyer, S. D.
Wm. S. Richards, J. D.
Ezra Perrin, } Stewards.
George Denevan, } Stewards.
Seth Mead, Tyler.

Past Masters.

Julius Coleman, Benjamin Pratt, Job Case.

Master Masons.

William D. Gibbon, Sylvanus Mitchell, E. C. Clemmons, Ezra Rathbourn, Levi Rose,
Jeremiah R. Munson, Ezra Mead, Enos Hurlbut, Stephen M'Dougal, Spencer Spelman,
Hosmer Curtis, Orin Granger, Lester Case, Samuel Lee, Spencer Wright,
John Johnston, Thomas Spelman, James Alexander, Worthy Pratt.

Dead.

James Thrall, October 7, 1813. Eliphalet Baker, supposed dead.

Return of Unity Lodge, No. 12, held in the town of Ravenna, in the county of Portage, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

Stephen Mason, W. M.
Timothy Culver, S. W.
Samuel Tuthill, J. W.
Hiram Rundy, Treas.
Ira Hudson, Sec'y.
Thaddeus Bradley, S. D.
Job Thompson, J. D.
David Grier, Steward.
Gideon Chittenden, Tyler.

Master Masons.

Rial McArthur, Joshua Culver, D. K. Burrows, Daniel Culver, Ralph Granger,
E. Carter, Lewis Curtis, H. Burrows, Lewis Ely Jun., Abel Sabin,
E. Skinner, A. Norton, J. De Wolf Jun., George Darrow, David Jones,
T. Granger, Joseph Darrow, A. Anderson, John Alford.

Fellow Crafts.

P. Adams, John Caris,
Charles Chittenden, J. R. Bostwick,
Joshua Woodward, Jesse Cross,
B. Whedon.

Dead.

Aaron Weston, May 16, 1813, Joseph Hart, October 5, 1813.

Return of St. John's Lodge, No. 13, held in the town of Dayton, in the County of Montgomery, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Officers.

Aaron Cazad, W. M.
Charles Smith, S. W.
Elisha Searls, J. W.
William Gillespie, Sec.
Charles Estee, S. D.
Joseph Brown, J. D.
William M. Smith, Steward.
Benjamin Loyce, Tyler.

Past Masters.

Charles Smith, Elisha Searls.

Master Masons.

Aaron Cazad, C. Estee, Martin Earhart, W. M. Smith, Henry Marquart,
H. McCullom, John Cox, David Steel, J. Holt, W. Gillespie,
Samuel Worton, Benjamin Lloyd, George Grove, D. Miskimmins, C. Miller,
John Strain, W. Stevenson, John Kelly, E. Brannon, James Nowland.

Fellow Crafts.

Simon Dun.

Entered Apprentices.

Robert M'Clary, Samuel Stiles, David Griffith, Nathaniel Hunt.

Dead.

Samuel Shoup.

Return of Franklin Lodge, No. 14, *held in the town of Troy, in the County of Miami, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Asa Coleman, W. M.
Alex. Ewing, S. W.
B. W. Paugly, J. W.
Andrew Wallace, Sec.
William Gohagan, Treas.
P. Felix, S. D.
John M'Kinney, J. D.

Fellow Crafts.

Charles Wolverton, Jacob Mann, James Long.

Apprentices.

George Buchannan, Michael Mann, Robert Morrison.

Return of Concord Lodge, No. 15, *held in Cleveland, in the County of Cuyahoga, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Hiram Hanchet, W. M.
Philem Baldwin, S. W.
David Long, J. W.
Erastus Miles, S.
George Wallour, Treas.
F. G. Williams, S. D.
Charles Gunn, J. D.
Robert Folton, Tyler.
Harman Bronson, M. Clark, } Stewards.

Past Masters.

Abraham Bishop, Harvey Murry.

Master Masons.

William Coleman, James Baldwin, John Bell, Jedediah Hubble, Moses Aldred,
Abner Young, John H. Strong, T. Pittlebone, Asa Rose, Amos Calhoun,
Samuel S. Baldwin, Philemon Baldwin jr. John Clark, Ephraim Hubble, Daniel Mosier,
James Kingsberry, T. Miles, Wm. Austin, Nathan Cummins, Samuel Calhoun.

Fellow Crafts.

Levi Johnson, Elias K. Osborn, M. Carter.

Apprentices.

Hiram King, Moses Demming.

Dead.

Harvey Murray, March 29, 1813.

Return of Belmont Lodge, No. 16, *held at St. Clairsville, in the County of Belmont, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Ezer Ellis, W. M.
Anthony Weyer, S. W.
Henry H. Evans, J. W.
Robert Robinson, Sec.
John Hinds, Treas. *pro tem.*

John M'Elroy, S. D.
John Hultz, J. D.
Joseph Patton, Tyler.
Michael Groves, } Stewards.
John Hines, }

Past Masters.

Ezer Ellis, Josiah Dillon, James H. Relfe.

Master Masons.

Anthony Weyer,
Robert Robinson,
John M'Elroy,
Joseph Patton,
John Delong,
Notley Hays,
Nicholas Gassoway,
Ira Robinson,
Joseph Anderson,
Henry H. Evans,
John Hinds,
John Hultz,
Michael Groves,
Robert Griffith.
John Richardson,
James Carrothers,
William Frost,
George Alban.

Apprentices.

Moses W. Chaplin.

Return of Washington Lodge, No. 17, *held in the town of Hamilton, in the County of Butler, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Samuel Bayles, W. M.
Samuel Millikin, S. W.
James Mills, J. W.
Abel Slayback, Treas.
James Heaton, Sec.

William W. Pharis, S. D.
John Cassidy, J. D.
Anderson Spencer, Steward.
William Wallace, Tyler.

Past Masters.

Joseph Hough, Robert Taylor, Thomas Blair, Samuel Bayles.

Master Masons.

Matthew Huston,
John Dun,
John Ayres,
James Cogy,
Samuel Gray,
Thomas C. Kelsay,
W. M. Smith,
David K. Este.

Fellow Crafts.

Samuel Powell.

Dead.

Alex. Sackett, July 5, 1813. John Cassidy, Dec. 14, 1813. James Joyce, Dec. 3

Return of Hiram Lodge, No. 18, *held in the town of Delaware, in the County of Delaware, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Solomon Smith, W. M.
Leonard H. Cowles, S. W.
Reuben Lamb, J. W.
Joseph S. Hughes, Treas.
Elias Murry, Sec.
Moses Byxbee jr., S. D.
William Little, J. D.
Azariah Root, S. and Tyler.

Past Masters.

Moses Byxbee, jr.

Master Masons.

Reuben Lamb, Elias Murry, Solomon Smith, Joseph S. Hughes.
Leonard H. Cowles,

Fellow Crafts.

Erastus Bowe, F. C. Johns, John Age.

Apprentices.

Paul D. Butler, J. M. Smith, A. Benfield.

Dead.

Nathaniel W. Little, January 20, 1813. John Dopson, February 2.

Return of Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19, *held at Hartford, in the County of Trumbull, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Martin Smith, W. M.
Daniel Bushnell, S. W.
Samuel Spencer, J. W.
Richard Hayes, Sec.
Joseph D. Wolf, Treas.
Starling G. Burnett, S. D.
Lebbeus Beach, J. D.
Linus Hayes, Steward.

Master Masons.

Samuel Sutleif, David Hutchinson, Titus Brackway, John Morrow.
Plumb Sutleif, David Webb, Z. Case, John L. Cook,
David Lure, Thomas M'Millan, Lewis Bushnell, Matthew B. Danow.

Fellow Crafts.

Gilbert Palmer, Benjamin Jones.

Apprentices.

Simon Phobes, Thomas Hartford, James M'Darmant.

Return of Farmers' Lodge, No. 20, *held in Belpre, in the County of Washington, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Nathaniel Cushing, W. M.
Samuel Nash, S. W.
Oliver Rice, J. W.
Daniel Loring, Sec.
Jonathan Haskell, Treas.
William Leebody, S. D.
Robert Bradford, J. D.
Cyrus Ames, Steward.

Past Masters.

Nathaniel Cushing.

Master Masons.

Samuel Nash, Daniel Loring, William Leebody, Cyrus Ames, Rufus P. Stone, John Curtis, Elias Gates, Oliver Rice, Jonathan Haskell, Robert Brandford, Joseph Barker Jr., Erastus Webb, T. M. Hamilton.

Apprentices.

Edmund B. Dana.

Return of Western Star Lodge, No. 21, *held at Canfield, in the County of Trumbull, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Elijah Wadsworth, W. M.
Tryal Tanner, S. W.
Isaac Newton, J. W.
J. H. Patch, Sec.
Elisha Whittlesey, Treas.

John Northup, S. D.
Richard Fitch, J. D.
A. Tanner, Geo. Stilson, } Stewards.
Charles A. Boardman, Tyler.

Past Masters.

Elijah Wadsworth.

Master Masons.

S. Bostwick, Arad Way, Lewis Hopt, Frances Dowler, C. B. Fitch.

Return of Pickaway Lodge, No. 23, *held in the town of Circleville, in the County of Pickaway, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

Officers.

Ralph Osborn, W. M.
Peter Parcels, S. W.
James Renick, J. W.
Jonathan Renick, Treas.

Richard Douglas, Sec.
James Russell, S. D.
Ira W. Pier, J. D.
Abel Renick, Tyler.

Master Masons.

Ralph Osborn, William Renick, Richard Douglas, Abel Renick, William Seymour, James Denny, James Renick, Abel Renick, James Russell, Peter Parcels, Jonathan Renick, George Brown.

Fellow Crafts.

William Florence, Johnston Hunter, James Bell, James R. Hultz.

The following Lodges were chartered by order of the Grand Lodge—1814:

Erie Lodge, No. 3, *at Cleveland.*
New England Lodge, No. 4, *at Worthington.*

Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19, *at Hartford.*
Paramuthia Lodge, No. 25, *at Athens.*

The following Lodges were created during the recess of the Grand Lodge, 1813:

Army Lodge, No. 24, *at Camp Meigs, or at any other place where the casualties of war may direct, Sept.* 13, 1813.

Colonel William C. Anderson, of the 24th Reg't U. S. Infantry, Master.
Lieut. Col. Wm. M'Millan, of 17th Reg't U. S. Inf., Senior Warden.
Capt. Chas. Gratiot, of the corps of Engineers, Junior Warden.

Paramuthia Lodge, No. 25, *at Athens,* 2*d Oct.*, 1813.

John L. Lewis, Master. Timothy Goodrich, Junior Warden. George Walker, Senior Warden.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, January 2, A. D. 1815.—A. L. 5815.

M. W. Henry Brush, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Bro. Barnes, Chillicothe.]

At a General Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, began and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Chillicothe, on the second day of January, A. L. 5815, A. D. 1815—there were present as follows, viz:

M. W. Henry Brush, Esq., Grand Master.
R. W. Edward W. Tupper, Senior Grand Warden.
W. Jeremiah M'Lene, Junior Grand Warden *pro tem.*
Robert Kercheval, Grand Secretary.
David Kinkead, Grand Treasurer.
Rial McArthur, Grand Senior Deacon.
Ralph Osborn, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
Peter Spurck, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Together with other Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, and Representatives and Proxies from the subordinate Lodges.

A majority of all the Lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

The following standing committees were appointed by the Grand Master:

On Accounts—Brothers L. H. Cowles, D. Roe, and C. Griswold.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers A. Davisson, E. Ellis.
On Grievances—Brothers C. Este, T. Spelman, and Alex. Ewing.
On Credentials—Brothers Chester Griswold, Chas. Este.

Brother *Osborn*, of Pickaway Lodge, No. 23, delivered to the Grand Secretary the Dispensation of that Lodge, and moved that the Grand Lodge do grant to said Lodge a Charter in lieu thereof—which, upon being seconded, passed without a division.

Ordered—That the Grand Secretary prepare a Charter accordingly.

The *Grand Master* read to the Grand Lodge a communication which he had received from Immanuel de la Motta, of New York, which, from its interesting contents, was referred to a committee of Brothers Tupper, Burnet and Tod, to report their opinion thereon. Also, a communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, which was, on motion, referred to Brothers Kinkead, Griswold and Kercheval, to report thereon; and also the correspondence between the American Union Lodge at Marietta and himself—which correspondence was, on motion, referred to a committee of Brothers Tupper, Kirtland and M'Lene.

Brother *Edward W. Tupper* offered the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that Morning Dawn Lodge, No. 7, owing to high waters and the sickness of some of the officers, did not on the evening of their annual election, open a Lodge, whereby no election of officers took place in said Lodge for the last year. and by which omission the late officers and members of that Lodge have considered themselves unauthorized to labor: Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That Brother Edward W. Tupper, late Master and member of Morning Dawn Lodge, be admitted a representative of that Lodge. and heard in their behalf.

Ordered, That this Grand Communication be now adjourned until to-morrow evening, six o'clock, and that the Grand Lodge be now closed.

HENRY BRUSH, G. M.

R. KERCHEVAL, *G. Secretary.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1815.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment.

Present as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the representatives and proxies of the Grand Communication, reported the following Lodges to be duly represented in the Grand Lodge:

Erie Lodge, No. 3—Turhan Kirtland, Representative.
New England Lodge, No. 4—Chester Griswold, Representative.
Amity Lodge, No. 5—E. Granger, Representative.
Scioto Lodge, No. 6—J. McLene and A. Davisson, Representatives.
Harmony Lodge, No. 8—Joseph Vance, Representative.
Meridian Orb Lodge, No. 10—T. Kirtland, Proxy.
Centre Star Lodge, No. 11—Timothy Spelman, Representative.
Unity Lodge, No 12—R. McArthur, Representative.
St. Johns' Lodge, No. 13—Charles Este, Representative.
Franklin Lodge, No. 14—Alexander Ewing, Representative.
Concord Lodge, Fo. 15—R. McArthur, Proxy.
Belmont Lodge. No 16—E. Ellis, Representative.
Hiram Lodge. No. 18—L. H. Cowles, Representative.
Jerusalem Lodge, No. 19—T. Kirtland, Proxy.
Farmers' Lodge, No. 20—David Kinkead, Proxy.
Western Star Lodge, No. 21—T. Kirtland, Proxy.
Rising Sun Lodge, No. 22—T. Kirtland, Proxy.

Pickaway Lodge, No. 23—Ralph Osborn, Representative.
Paramuthia Lodge, No. 25—Charles Shipman, Representative.
Lebanon Lodge, No. 26—Daniel Roe, Representative.

Which report was concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the communication of Immanuel de la Motta, made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred a communication to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, purporting to have been issued by "Immanuel de la Motta, K. H. S. P. R. S. Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the thirty-third degree, and illustrious Treasurer General of the Holy Empire in the United States of America," have attended to the duties required of them, and respectfully Report—

That the evidence in their possession is of that uncertain kind, that even a fixed belief cannot be predicated on it. The controversy between "De la Motta" and the accused "Cernan," the committee can feel no justifiable interest in. Both are strangers as well as their abettors. Their jarrings are too sublimated for our understandings. The committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the communication to this Grand Lodge, made by "Immanuel de la Motta, &c., &c., &c." denouncing a certain "Joseph Cernan" as an impostor, &c. dated September 1813, does not furnish a proper subject for this Lodge to act on, otherwise than to permit it to remain on file.

Respectfully, GEORGE TOD,
EDW. W. TUPPER.

The Committee of Accounts and the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund handed in their reports: and thereupon,

This Grand Communication was adjourned until to-morrow evening, six o'clock, and the Grand Lodge closed.

HENRY BRUSH, G. M.

R. KERCHEVAL, *G. Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, January 4th, 1815.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment.

Present, as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

The reports of the committee of Accounts and of the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund, were taken up.

Brother *Cowles* moved, that for the purpose of rendering the mode of the adjustment of accounts uniform, the Grand Secretary be authorized and required, in charging and making out the accounts of the annual dues of subordinate Lodges, to charge one dollar and fifty cents for each brother initiated, and fifty cents for each member, in satisfaction of such dues—which motion was referred to a committee of Brothers Vance and Griswold, after which the above reports were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary prepare charters for Rising Sun Lodge No. 22, and Lebanon Lodge No. 26—also for Franklin Lodge No. 14.

Brother *McArthur* presented the petition of Western Star Lodge No. 21, praying, for reasons set forth in said petition, to be permitted to continue their labors under the dispensation organizing said Lodge—and, on motion that the request of said petitioners be granted, it was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution submitted by Bro. Tupper on Monday evening last, was agreed to.

Brother *Tupper* offered the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Communication—which was ordered to remain until to-morrow evening:

WHEREAS, It has become inconvenient and difficult for the brethren of Harmony Lodge No. 8, to work under their present charter, inasmuch as the same requires them to labor alternately at Urbana and Springfield, Champaign county: *And whereas*, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge that the brethren of the said Lodge have a desire to surrender their said charter, and to form separate Lodges at each of the said places: Therefore,

Resolved by the Grand Lodge, That on the surrendering, by the said brethren of Harmony Lodge No. 8, of their present charter, and on application in due form being made by the brethren of the said Lodge from Urbana and Springfield, respectively, that the M. W. Grand Master do grant to them, respectively, dispensations authorizing them to labor until the next annual Grand Communication, at each of said places; at which time, if no reasons shall appear to the contrary, they shall be respectively entitled to receive charters, on paying to the Grand Lodge dues for *one charter only*, to be paid by the said contemplated new Lodges in proportion to their respective members—the said contemplated new Lodges respectively paying the Grand Secretary the fees which by the Constitution and By-Laws he is entitled to receive.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

And upon the votes being counted, the following brethren were duly elected:

M. W. HENRY BRUSH, Grand Master.
R. W. TURHAN KIRTLAND, Deputy Grand Master.
W. EDWARD W. TUPPER, Senior Grand Warden.
W. CHESTER GRISWOLD, Junior Grand Warden.
Brother ROBERT KERCHEVAL, Grand Secretary.
" DAVID KINKEAD, Grand Treasurer.
" EDWIN MATTHEWS, Grand Lecturer.
" JACOB BURNET, Grand Orator.
" HIRAM M. CURRY, Grand Chaplain.
" PETER SPURCK, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The subordinate officers were again reäppointed by the Grand Master.

Brother *Kinkead* laid before the Grand Lodge a report accompanied by a resolution of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, on the subject of an application made by Lieut. William M'Donald, who was formerly expelled by said Lodge, to be reïnstated in the privileges of said Lodge and of Masonry generally. The following is the resolution of Scioto Lodge No. 6:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Lodge, William M'Donald ought to be restored to all the rights and benefits of Masonry, and that this resolution, together with the report of the committee on which this resolution is founded, be submitted to the Grand Lodge for their consideration.

SCIOTO LODGE No. 6, }
Wednesday, Jan. 4th, 1815—*A. L.* 5815. }

I do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Lodge, and that the same is recorded on the proceedings thereof.

JOHN P. FESSENDEN, *Secretary.*

Which report and resolution, with the papers accompanying, were referred to Brothers Tod and Ellis, to report to-morrow evening.

A memorial from Brother Alexander Enos, who was formerly a member of Mount Zion Lodge No. 9, setting forth that he had been expelled that Lodge, and praying to be heard in his defense, was laid before the Grand Lodge.

Which memorial was submitted to the committee appointed to hear and report grievances.

And thereon, this Grand Communication was adjourned until to-morrow two o'clock, and the Grand Lodge closed.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

ROBERT KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY, January 5, 1815—2 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

Brother *Griswold* laid before the Grand Lodge the return of Washington Lodge No. 17, and moved that Brother Burnet take his seat as the proxy of said Lodge, which was agreed to.

Brother *Tupper*, from the committee appointed to report on the subject of the correspondence of the Grand Lodge and American Union Lodge No. 1, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the correspondence of our M. W. G. Master with American Union Lodge No. 1, in relation to the unhappy disagreement existing between the Grand Lodge of Ohio and that Lodge, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report: That American Union Lodge No. 1, was established at Marietta some time in the year 1792, in virtue of a charter dated (as represented by that Lodge) in February, 1776, granted in England as a traveling charter, and signed by the Provincial Grand Master.

That Lodge, when established by virtue of this charter, was recognized as a regular Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and continued their labors for several years, and until its Lodge room and charter were by fire destroyed—a copy of this charter having been previously forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and (it is believed) Massachusetts. On the loss of their charter, Union Lodge first applied to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to renew its provisions, and authorize that Lodge to continue its labors under an approved copy. But that Grand Lodge, on examining the copy, finding it contained a provision nearly in these words—"*to work in Roxberry or any place (or any where) on the continent of America, where no Grand Lodge is established*," refused to renew their charter without making it tributary and subordinate to that Grand Lodge. From this Lodge application was made to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, praying the same privileges. After a considerable length of time, that Grand Lodge authorized Union Lodge to reassume their labors, under a copy of their original charter, but with an express provision that the charter so renewed and

recognized, "*should be surrendered whenever a Grand Lodge should be formed within this State or Territory*," the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts reserving to itself the right of exacting dues, as an acknowledgment of her dependency. Such were the circumstances under which American Union Lodge again commenced her labors, after a suspension of near two years, at the same time compelled to acknowledge her dependency on the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

When the number of Lodges in this State authorized the forming of a Grand Lodge, American Union Lodge was among the first to propose the Convention, where she was duly represented, and assisted in forming the Grand Lodge. Soon after the Grand Lodge was formed, and the several Lodges in this State were required to surrender their charters, Union Lodge refused, by various pretenses, to comply with the requisition of the Grand Lodge, and has since ceased, and refused to be represented at the Grand Communications.

From that time, various have been the amicable means resorted to by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to convince that Lodge that she was wandering from the path of her duty, and to restore her to peace, to happiness, and to the confidence and affection of her sister Lodges; this hope, so fondly cherished from the purity of its motives, looked forward to the happy moment when this wandering sister, convinced of her errors, should place herself under the guidance and protection of this Lodge; but such a hope must no longer be cherished. That Lodge, by her solemn act, in July last, while acting on the invitation of this Grand Lodge, through our M. W. Grand Master, begging her to come in and unite with the family of her sister Lodges, rejects the invitation, and declares her independence. To reclaim a wanderer who is straying from virtue's paths; to restore her to honor and a sense of her duty, correction must oft times be applied, though distressing to the hand that administers it. The history of Masonry affords many examples of this last and painful resort. Your committee cannot, therefore, in pursuance of the duty they owe the craft in general, and to the happy and dutiful Lodges of this Grand Communication in particular, refrain from recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That American Union Lodge No. 1, at Marietta, by refusing to surrender her charter, and denying the jurisdiction of this Lodge, has forfeited her privileges to labor, and has become an unauthorized and unwarranted Lodge.

Resolved, That no member of any Lodge of the State of Ohio, who may enter that Lodge, after a knowledge of these resolutions, and labor in any of the duties appertaining to the craft, or any member of that Lodge, who shall sit in, or assist in any labor, (while working under their present charter,) shall ever again be received in any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall prevent American Union Lodge from once meeting for the sole purpose of considering on these resolutions.

Resolved, That no person hereafter initiated in that Lodge, under its present charter, shall ever be considered or acknowledged as a Mason, in any Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, by virtue of such initiation.

Resolved, That our Most Worshipful Grand Master be required to forward immediately to the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, copies of this report and these resolutions, under the seal of this Lodge, and request their aid in reclaiming that wandering Lodge; and that our Most Worshipful Grand Master be also requested to forward a copy of this report and these resolutions to the Master of American Union Lodge.

Resolved, That whenever American Union Lodge shall surrender her charter, and acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, it shall be lawful for our M. W. Grand Master to grant to said Lodge his dispensation, authorizing the continuance of its labors until the next Grand Communication.

EDW. W. TUPPER,
TURHAN KIRTLAND,
JER. M'LENE, } *Committee.*

And on motion that the Grand Lodge adopt the said report, it was *unanimously* decided in the affirmative—voting by Lodges.

Brother *Tod*, from the committee to whom were referred the resolutions

and papers from Scioto Lodge No. 6, in relation to Lieut. William M'Donald, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Scioto Lodge No. 6, restoring to William M'Donald the rights and benefits of Masonry, having paid that attention to the subject matter of reference which the shortness of time and other paramount avocations would permit, beg leave to report, that this or any other Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons have the Masonic right of replacing an expelled brother in his former standing as a member of our fraternity.

The opinion of the committee further is, that no subject in Masonry ought to excite a deeper interest than the one on which they have given an opinion.

They are still further of opinion that, under existing circumstances, connected with the evidence in their possession, William M'Donald, formerly a brother, ought to be restored to all the benefits and privileges of "blessed Free Masonry."

We recommend to the Grand Lodge of Ohio the following resolution:

Resolved, That William M'Donald, formerly a member of Scioto Lodge No. 6, but expelled therefrom, which expulsion was affirmed in this Grand Lodge, be now, and he is hereby restored to the full privileges and benefits of Masonry, as though he never had been excluded therefrom.

George Tod,
Ezer Ellis.

And on motion that the report be received and adopted by the Grand Communication, it was *unanimously* decided in the affirmative—voting by Lodges.

The resolution offered by Brother Tupper, in behalf of the brethren of Harmony Lodge No. 8, on yesterday evening, was agreed to.

The committee appointed to give a construction to the 29th Article of the By-Laws, made the following report—which, on motion, was agreed to:

Your committee who were appointed to give a construction to the 29th Article of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, report, that the only proper construction that they can give to said article is, that the annual dues to the Grand Lodge for members initiated, should be in proportion to the time of their membership.

J. Vance,
C. Griswold.

The committee appointed to hear and report grievances, to whom the memorial of Alex. Enos was referred, reported:

That the reasons set forth by said memorialist, in the opinion of your committee, deserve the consideration of this Grand Lodge:—They therefore recommend that notice be given to the memorialist to appear before the Grand Lodge at the next Grand Communication, to show cause why he should not have been expelled the Lodge of which he was a member.

Which report was concurred in.

Brother *N. B. Bailey*, the representative of N. C. Harmony Lodge No. 2, appeared and took his seat; his authority to take a seat in this Grand Lodge having been declared satisfactory.

The amendment proposed by Brother Lewis Summers, at the last Grand Communication, to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and which had laid over one year for consideration, was taken up and read—which amendment was in these words:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be so amended, "That when any subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of fifteen dollars, the same shall be taken and received in full of the assessments authorized by the 29th Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, for the year for which the same shall be paid."

And upon motion that the said amendment be adopted, it was *unanimously* decided in the negative—voting by Lodges.

The amendment proposed by Brother Walter Dun, at the last Grand Communication, was also taken up and read. The amendment is as follows:

WHEREAS, In many instances the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have initiated applicants whose ordinary places of residence were in the neighborhood of other Lodges—*And whereas*, such a practice has introduced, and has the greatest tendency to introduce into our society, many members of doubtful characters. Therefore,

Resolved, That it shall not be lawful for any Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to initiate applicants whose place of residence is in the neighborhood of any other Lodge working under the said jurisdiction.

Which proposition was also negatived—voting by Lodges as follows:

Those that voted in the affirmative were—

Hiram Lodge No. 18, | Farmers' Lodge No. 20—2.

Those that voted in the negative were—

Grand Master,
Deputy Grand Master,
Past Grand Officers, collectively,
Grand Senior and Junior Wardens,
N. C. Harmony Lodge No 2,
Erie Lodge No 3,
New England Lodge No. 4,
Amity Lodge No. 5,
Scioto Lodge No. 6,
Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7,
Harmony Lodge No. 8,
Meridian Orb Lodge No. 10,
Centre Star Lodge No. 11,
Unity Lodge No. 12,
Franklin Lodge No 14,
Concord Lodge No. 15,
Belmont Lodge No. 16,
Jerusalem Lodge No. 19,
Western Star Lodge No. 21,
Rising Sun Lodge No 22,
Pickaway Lodge No. 23—21.

Brother *Tupper*, in addition to the report of the committee of Grievances on the case of Alexander Enos, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Mount Zion Lodge No. 9, be requested to send up to the next Grand Communication their proceedings in the expulsion of Alex. Enos, together with the cause and evidence adduced on such expulsion, whether the said Alexander Enos was a member of that Lodge at the time he was expelled, and whether he was notified to attend that Lodge at the time of the examination and expulsion, and whether the said Alexander Enos did attend at the time he was expelled.

Ordered, That the matter submitted to the Grand Secretary, by a resolution passed at the last Grand Communication, on the subject of clothing and jewels, be referred to the four senior grand officers of the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, reported as follows:

The committee appointed to consider and report on the communication from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and are happy to report to this Grand Lodge that the division which unfortunately prevailed for many years between the Grand Lodges of England, as well as the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, have happily terminated, and have become united. We therefore move the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Master be requested to address a letter of congratulation to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina on the consummation of that happy event.

R. Kercheval,
Chester Griswold,
D. Kinkead.

Which was adopted by this Grand Lodge.

The following resolutions were adopted by this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges, in making out their account of annual dues to the Grand Lodge, shall not be charged and compelled to pay for any member they may return, unless such member resides within the jurisdiction of such Lodge, or has paid his dues to the Lodge, into the treasury of such subordinate Lodge. But the Secretaries of such subordinate Lodges shall, with their annual returns, insert the names of such absent members from the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges, together with the sums due from such member to the Grand Lodge, and shall afterwards annually return to the Grand Lodge any dues that may thereafter be collected from such absent members.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have 100 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge printed—that he be directed to transmit a copy thereof to each of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and also one to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States—and that the expense of the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine and enrol the minutes and proceedings of this Grand Communication.

Resolved, That this Grand Annual Communication, having completed the business for which they were assembled, be now adjourned until the first Monday of January next, and that the Grand Lodge be now closed.

The resolution being adopted, the Grand Lodge, in the name of the Holy Craft, was duly closed.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

Robert Kercheval, *Grand Secretary.*

LIST of Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Name.		No.	Location.	Authority.
American Union Lodge		1	Marietta	Charter.
N. C. Harmony	"	2	Cincinnati	"
Erie	"	3	Warren	"
New England	"	4	Worthington	"
Amity	"	5	Zanesville	"
Scioto	"	6	Chillicothe	"
Morning Dawn	"	7	Gallipolis	"
Harmony	"	8	Urbana	"
Mount Zion	"	9	Clinton	"
Meridian Orb	"	10	Painesville	"
Centre Star	"	11	Granville	"
Unity	"	12	Ravenna	"
St. Johns'	"	13	Dayton	"
Franklin	"	14	Troy	"
Concord	"	15	Cleveland	"
Belmont	"	16	St. Clairsville	"
Washington	"	17	Hamilton	"
Hiram	"	18	Delaware	"
Jerusalem	"	19	Vernon	"
Farmers'	"	20	Belpre	"
Western Star	"	21	Canfield	"
Rising Sun	"	22	Ashtabula	"
Pickaway	"	23	Circleville	"
Army	"	24	[Not fixed]	Disp.
Paramuthia	"	25	Athens	Charter.
Lebanon	"	26	Lebanon	"

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, January 1, A. D. 1816.

M. W. HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

AT a Grand Annual Communication of the GRAND LODGE of Ohio, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Chillicothe, on Monday, the first day of January, 1816—there were present as follows, viz:

M. W. HENRY BRUSH, Esq., Grand Master.
R. W. CHESTER GRISWOLD, Senior Grand Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. NATHANIEL GATES, Junior Grand Warden.
W. ROBERT KERCHEVAL, Grand Secretary.
W. DAVID KINKEAD, Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN KERR, Senior Grand Deacon *pro tem.*
W. SOLOMON SMITH, Junior Grand Deacon.
JOHN HELLINGS, Grand Steward and Tyler *pro tem.*

Together with other Officers of the Grand Lodge, and sundry visiting brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

The list of subordinate Lodges being called, sixteen were found to be present—that number being a grand quorum.

The following standing committees were appointed, viz:

On Credentials.—Bros. Chester Griswold, Nathaniel Gates.
To receive Visitors—Bros. Wm. R. Southward, Johnston Hunter.
On Accounts.—Bros. Thos. Dugan, John Kerr, Asa Coleman.
On Grievances.—Bros. Gust. Swan, John Satterthwaite, S. McDougal.

Ordered, That the Grand Communication be adjourned until to-morrow evening.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

TUESDAY, January 2, 1816.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

The committee to whom were referred the credentials of the representatives and proxies constituting the Grand Communication, reported as follows:

The committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the purpose of examining the credentials of representatives from the different subordinate Lodges composing said Grand Lodge, on the first Monday of January, A. L. 5816, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find the following Lodges duly represented:

Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2.—Thomas Dugan, Representative.
New England Lodge No. 4.—Chester Griswold and Arora Buttles, Representatives.
Amity Lodge No. 5.—E. Granger, Representative.
Scioto Lodge No. 6.—W. R. Southward and J. McDougal, Representatives.
Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7.—Nathaniel Gates and J. P. R. Bureau, Representatives.
Mount Zion Lodge No. 9.—Winn Winship, Proxy.
Meridian Orb Lodge No. 10.—W. W. Cotgreave, Proxy.
Centre Star Lodge No. 11.—Stephen McDougal, Representative.
Unity Lodge No. 12.—Wm. W. Cotgreave, Proxy.
St. John's Lodge No. 13.—George Grove, Representative.
Franklin Lodge No. 14 —Asa Coleman, Representative.
Concord Lodge No 15 —W. W. Cotgreave, Proxy.
Belmont Lodge No. 16.—John Hulce, Representative.
Washington Lodge No. 17.—Thomas Dugan, Proxy.
Hiram Lodge No. 18.—Solomon Smith, Representative.
Western Star Lodge No. 21.—W. W. Cotgreave, Proxy.
Pickaway Lodge No. 23.—Johnson Hunter, Representative.
Paramuthia Lodge No. 25.—Robert Linsey, Representative.
Lebanon Lodge No. 26.—John Satterthwaite, Representative.
Ohio Lodge No. 30.—John Kerr, G. Swan and Abraham Lord, Representatives.

CHESTER GRISWOLD, NATHANIEL GATES, } *Committee.*

The committee of Accounts made their report—which was agreed to by the Grand Lodge.

A petition from a number of brethren of Fairfield, in the county of Greene, praying the erection of a new Lodge, was read, and referred to Brothers Granger, Satterthwaite and Kerr, who, after some time, reported in their favor; upon which report a dispensation was directed to be issued.

Brother P. Spurck, the former Grand Steward and Tyler of this Grand Lodge, having declined serving any longer, Brother John Hellings was appointed to succeed him.

A resolution from Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7, setting forth that a certain N. C. Boalse, said to be a Master Mason, and a member of Mount Zion Lodge No. 9, and who is therein represented as an object of charity, was read and referred to Brothers S. Smith and McDougal, to report thereon to-morrow evening.

A petition, in company with sundry papers from a number of the breth-

ren formerly of the American Union Lodge No. 1, at Marietta, praying to be erected into a new Lodge, was read, and, on motion, they were referred to a select committee of three members, viz:—Brothers Burnet, Beecher and Granger.

A petition for a new Lodge at Wooster, in the county of Stark, was also read and referred to Brothers Granger, Satterthwaite and Kerr.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary prepare a charter for Ohio Lodge No. 30—and that the Grand communication be adjourned until to-morrow evening at seven o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1816.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

Brother W. W. Cotgreave presented his credentials as the proxy of Unity Lodge No. 12, and also of Concord Lodge No. 15, and took his seat accordingly.

The Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund handed in their report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

A petition was handed in and read from a number of brethren residing in and near the town of St. Clairsville, in the county of Adams, praying the erection of a new Lodge, which was referred to the committee to whom a similar petition was referred on yesterday—who reported favorably; and the Grand Secretary was directed to prepare dispensations accordingly.

Brother Thomas S. Foote, representative from Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, appeared and took his seat.

Brother *Nathaniel Gates* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio procure a copper plate, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, and to be deposited in the archives thereof, for the purpose of printing blank diplomas for the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary cause ——— blanks to be struck; and that he issue any quantity of blanks that may be applied for by the officers of any subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Which, on motion, was referred to Brothers Griswold, Gates and Kerr.

The following resolution was offered by Brother W. R. Southward:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge, That the M. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to invest (out of the Grand Charity Fund) ——— dollars in the stock of the Bank of Chillicothe, and that the same be invested in the name of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio.

Which was referred to Brothers Beecher, Southward, Kinkead, Griswold and Goodwin.

The following report was handed in by the committee appointed on yesterday evening:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Brother Stephen Lindsley and others, praying for a warrant of constitution, together with the documents accompanying the same, beg leave to report, that from the nature of the petition and the consequences that might arise from granting the prayer which it contains, they have been induced to take a view of the present situation and pretensions of those individuals, at and in the neighborhood of Marietta, who claim the right of continuing to work under the traveling charter, formerly granted by the Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts; the result of which inquiry has been a perfect conviction that that instrument, both in its preamble and conclusion, contained terms of limitation, by which it was restricted in its duration to the period when a Grand Lodge should be formed in the State or Territory in which the Lodge might be established. It was certainly no more than decorous and proper for that Grand Lodge, in granting a charter for a Lodge beyond the limits of its own jurisdiction, thus to restrict it. But if the charter had contained no express limitation, it appears to your committee to be a just inference from the nature of the authority, and the boundaries of the various Masonic jurisdictions, as they are settled and established within the United States, that the operation and effect of the instrument would cease on the formation of a Grand Lodge within the State. In addition to which, it may be observed that the part which American Union Lodge No. 1, has taken in the formation of the Grand Lodge, is sufficient to bind them, and to bring them, on the ground of consent or convention, within the jurisdiction and control of this body. The idea of a subordinate Lodge existing within the jurisdictional limits of a Grand Lodge, not only independent of its authority, but avowing themselves independent of every other Grand Lodge on the face of the earth, is truly novel, and seems to be subversive of all system, order and harmony; and tending in its consequences to introduce principles wholly inconsistent with the prosperity, if not the existence of the craft.

The period to which the duration of the charter in question was limited having arrived, it has necessarily become null and void; the power and privileges which it conferred have ceased; and, consequently, the individuals who continue to congregate and work, under a pretext that it authorizes them to do so, are proceeding without authority, in contempt of every rule and landmark of Masonry, and in violation of their most sacred duties and obligations. It being therefore manifest that American Union Lodge No. 1, has ceased to exist, and that the petitioning brethren were members of that Lodge, and the only members who have manifested a desire to have it revived and organized under this Grand Lodge; your committee are of opinion that they are the proper and legal representatives of the late American Union Lodge No. 1; and that, as such, they are entitled to a renewal of their charter by this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend that a charter be granted to the petitioners, by the name and description set forth in their petition, having such a reference to their former charter from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as will show that it is a revival of the former Lodge, whereby they may be entitled to the books, furniture, jewels and funds which belonged to that Lodge.

JACOB BURNET,
P. BEECHER,
EBENEZER GRANGER.

Which report was unanimously agreed to—voting by Lodges.

Brother P. Beecher, proxy of Farmers' Lodge No. 20, handed in his credentials and took his seat accordingly.

Ordered, That charters be prepared for Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, and Western Star Lodge No. 21, and that the Grand Communication be adjourned until to-morrow evening, six o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

R. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY, January 4, 1816.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form.

Brother *Vance* offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That this Grand Lodge do grant to Harmony Lodge No. 8, a charter, to be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary till they shall make their return, render up their dispensation, and pay their fees.

Which was agreed to, and a charter was directed to be issued.

Brother *Gates*, from the committee, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of procuring a plate, for the purpose of printing blank diplomas, beg leave to report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, a suitable copper plate, for the purpose of printing blank diplomas for the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary cause not exceeding five hundred blanks to be struck upon parchment; and that he issue any number of blanks applied for by the officers of any subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; that the officer applying for the same shall pay to the Grand Secretary for each blank diploma seventy-five cents; and also, that the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to prepare the blank form for diplomas.

JOHN KERR,
NATHANIEL GATES, } *Committee.*
C. GRISWOLD,

Brother *Beecher* handed in the following report from the committee:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution relative to vesting a portion of the funds of this Grand Lodge in bank stock, report, that they recommend that ten shares be subscribed for in the Bank of Chillicothe, and that there be paid thereon six installments at the time of subscribing—that the subscription shall be made by Brother Thomas Worthington, in trust, for the Grand Lodge of Ohio—that the said T. Worthington shall, before he receives the funds necessary to make the payment as aforesaid, enter into a contract with Brothers John Waddle, David Kinkead, William R. Southward, Amaziah Davisson and John Woodbridge, that he will subscribe and pay for and upon the stock as aforesaid; that he will from time to time pay over to the Grand Secretary all dividends that he may receive upon the stock aforesaid; and that he, his assigns and legal representatives will assign or convey, at such time and to such persons as the above named brothers or a majority of them shall direct—that the Grand Lodge reserve to itself the right and power at any period to modify and alter the above named trustee and agents, and their proceedings thereon, as shall to the Lodge seem meet and proper.

Brother *Granger* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the American Union Lodge No. 1, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be authorized to receive and reinstate in the privileges of Masonry, such members of the late American Union Lodge as have continued to congregate and labor since the said Grand Lodge at their last Grand Annual Communication prohibited such labor: provided satisfactory assurances be given to the American Union Lodge No. 1, of their readiness to comply with the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge.

The following resolutions were offered by Brother Beecher:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Worshipful Master, to meet at Clinton, or a majority of them, at some convenient time, of which time due notice shall be given to the Master of Mount Zion Lodge, and also to A. Enos, for the purpose of taking into consideration the proceedings of said Lodge as respects the expulsion of the said Enos from the benefits of Masonry; and also to hear and determine upon the charges made against the said Enos in said Lodge, and to report their opinion upon the whole matter, together with the evidence produced before them, to the next general convention of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That it is made the duty of the said Mount Zion Lodge to furnish the said committee with a copy of all their proceedings had upon any complaint against said A. Enos, and particularly as respects the expulsion of the said Enos, and all evidence in their power to charge or exculpate the said Enos from the charges so made.

Resolved, That the said Mount Zion Lodge do transmit to the M. W. Grand Master a copy of the proceedings of said Lodge as respects the expulsion of A. Enos; and also to render an account wherefor said Lodge hath not complied with the request of this Lodge, made at the last Communication, in reference to the above proceedings, within three calendar months.

Which were adopted by the Grand Lodge; and for the purpose of carrying the said resolutions into effect, the Grand Master appointed the following brethren a committee, viz:—Brothers E. B. Merwin, Alexander Harper, E. Gilman, Gus. Swan and Chester Griswold.

Ordered, That this Grand Communication do now proceed to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

And upon counting the votes the following brethren were found to be duly elected, viz:

M. W. Henry Brush, Esq., Grand Master.
R. W. John S. Gano, Esq., Deputy Grand Master.
W. Chester Griswold, Esq., Senior Grand Warden.
W. Edwin Matthews, Esq., Junior Grand Warden.
Robert Kercheval, Grand Secretary.
David Kinkead, Grand Treasurer.
Jacob Lindley, Grand Chaplain.
Philemon Beecher, Grand Orator.
Jeremiah M'Lene, Grand Marshal.
John Hellings, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The following additional officers were appointed by the Grand Master, viz:

John Kerr, Grand Senior Deacon.
Solomon Smith, Grand Junior Deacon.
John Satterthwaite, Grand Sword Bearer.
Thomas S. Foote, Grand Pursuivant.
Chester Griswold, Grand Lecturer.
J. Woodbridge, W. R. Southward, J. Waddle, J. Barnes, } Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

The following, as an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, was proposed by Brother *Kerr*, and seconded by Brother *Satterthwaite*:

The Grand Lodge shall hold a Grand Communication once in every year, on the first Monday in August.

Which was laid over until the next Grand Annual Communication.

Brother *Granger* then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have 100 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge printed—that he be directed to transmit a copy thereof to each of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and also one to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States—and that the expense of the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine and enrol the minutes and proceedings of this Grand Communication.

Resolved, That this Grand Annual Communication, having completed the business for which they were assembled, be now adjourned until the first Monday of January next, and that the Grand Lodge be now closed.

The resolution being adopted, the Grand Lodge, in the name of the Holy Craft, was duly closed.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

ROBT. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

LIST of Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Name.		No.	Location.	Authority.
American Union Lodge		1	Marietta	Charter.
N. C. Harmony	"	2	Cincinnati	"
Erie	"	3	Warren	"
New England	"	4	Worthington	"
Amity	"	5	Zanesville	"
Scioto	"	6	Chillicothe	"
Morning Dawn	"	7	Gallipolis	"
Harmony	"	8	Urbana	"
Mount Zion	"	9	Clinton	"
Meridian Orb	"	10	Painesville	"
Centre Star	"	11	Granville	"
Unity	"	12	Ravenna	"
St. Johns'	"	13	Dayton	"
Franklin	"	14	Troy	"
Concord	"	15	Cleveland	"
Belmont	"	16	St. Clairsville	"
Washington	"	17	Hamilton	"
Hiram	"	18	Delaware	"
Jerusalem	"	19	Vernon	"
Farmers'	"	20	Belpre	"
Western Star	"	21	Canfield	"
Rising Sun	"	22	Ashtabula	"
Pickaway	"	23	Circleville	"
Army	"	24	[Not fixed]	Disp.
Paramuthia	"	25	Athens	Charter.
Lebanon	"	26	Lebanon	"
Morning Star	"	27	Springfield	Disp.
Temple	"	28	Harpersfield	"
Clermont Social	"	29	Williamsburgh	Charter.
Ohio	"	30	Columbus	"
Golden Rule	"	31	Fairfield	Disp.
Friendship	"	32	St. Clairsville*	"
Ebenezer	"	33	Wooster	"
Middlebury	"	34	Middlebury	"
Mansfield	"	35	Mansfield	"

* St. Clairsville, in the county of Adams.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Masons' Hall, in Chillicothe, January 6, A. D. 1817—A. L. 5817.

M. W. Henry Brush, *Grand Master.*

At a Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, begun and held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Chillicothe, on Monday, the 6th of January, 1817—there were present as follows, viz:

M. W. Henry Brush, Esq., Grand Master.
R. W. Levin Belt, Esq., Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
R. W. William H. Hopkins, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. William R. Southward, Grand Junior Warden.
W. David Kinkead, Grand Treasurer.
W. Robert Kercheval, Grand Secretary.
W. John Kerr, Grand Sénior Deacon.
W. James Gates, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. John Hellings, Grand Steward and Tyler.

Together with other officers and brethren of the Grand Lodge, and sundry visiting brethren.

The roll being called, the following Lodges were present, viz:

No. 1. American Union,	No. 8. Harmony,	No. 17. Washington,
" 2. N. C. Harmony,	" 10. Meridian Orb,	" 18. Hiram,
" 4. New England,	" 11. Centre Star,	" 19. Jerusalem,
" 5. Amity,	" 13 St. Johns',	" 20. Farmers',
" 6. Scioto,	" 14. Franklin,	" 22. Rising Sun,
" 7. Morning Dawn,	" 16. Belmont,	" 25. Paramuthia,

Being a majority of all the Lodges. The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, viz:

On Credentials.—Bros. Hopkins and Thomas.
On Accounts.—Bros. Kerr, Fairchild and Beardslee.
To receive Visitors.—Bros. Kooken and Gates.
On Grievances.—Bros. Thomas, Hughes and Coggswell.

On motion of Brother *Hughes*, a committee was appointed to address a circular letter to the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, on the subject of initiations, caution and discipline. The committee were Brothers Hopkins, Southward and Hughes.

Ordered, That the Grand Communication be adjourned until to-morrow 3 o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

ROBERT KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

TUESDAY, January 7, 1817.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the representatives and proxies of the Grand Lodge, reported as follows—which report was agreed to:

The committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, for the purpose of examining the credentials of representatives from the different subordinate Lodges composing said Grand Lodge, on the first Monday of January, A. L. 5817, report that they have examined the same and find the following Lodges duly represented, viz:

No. 1. *American Union*—W. Thomas and Eli Coggswell, Representatives.
No. 2. *Nova Cæsarea Harmony*—Oliver Fairchild, Representative.
No. 4. *New England*—A. Buttles Representative.
" 5. *Amity*—Henry Brush, Proxy.
" 6. *Scioto*—William R. Southward, Rep.
" 7 *Morning Dawn*—Levin Belt Rep.
" 8. *Harmony*—William H. Hopkins, Rep
" 11. *Centre Star*—William Beardsley, Rep.
" 13. *St. Johns'*—Aaron Casad, Proxy.
" 16. *Belmont*—Henry Brush, Proxy.
" 17. *Washington*—E. Ramsey, Rep.
No. 18. *Hiram*—Joseph S. Hughes, Rep.
" 20. *Farmers'*—W. Thomas Proxy.
" 22. *Rising Sun*—Robert Kercheval, Proxy.
" 23 *Pickaway*—Joseph Vance, Proxy.
" 25. *Paramuthia*—S. S Miles, Rep.
" 26. *Lebanon*—Benjamin S. Rue. Rep.
" 28. *Temple*—John Kerr, Proxy.
" 29. *Clermont Social*—Th. S. Foote, Rep.
" 30. *Ohio*—James Kooken, Rep
" 31. *Golden Rule*—Aaron Casad, Rep
" 32. *Friendship*—G. W Barrere, Proxy.
" 34. *Middlebury*—Robert Kercheval, Proxy.
" 37. *Mt. Moriah*—Sardine Stone.

WM. H. HOPKINS, W. THOMAS, } *Committee.*

The committee of Accounts also made their report, which was agreed to.

Brother *Kerr* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do grant to Temple Lodge No. 28, a charter, to remain in the hands of the Grand Secretary till they shall transmit to him their dispensation and pay the ordinary fees; and that they be permitted to work under their present dispensation till the charter is put into their possession: provided this be done previous to the next Annual Grand Communication.

Ordered, That a charter be granted to Golden Rule Lodge No. 31.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of appropriating a part of the funds of the Grand Lodge to defray the expenses of a Grand Lecturer.

The committee appointed were Brothers Ramsey, Casad, Stone, Kerr and Miles.

A paper from American Union Lodge No. 1, was handed in and read; which paper, together with sundry resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania relative to the same, was referred to a committee for consideration. The committee were Brothers Belt, Thomas and Fairchild.

On motion of Brother *Kerr*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of an amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, proposed by him at the last Grand Communication, in the following words:

The Grand Lodge shall hold its Communications once in every year, on the first Monday in August.

Which proposition was agreed to by the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was then moved by Brother Kerr:

Resolved, That the next Grand Annual Communication for the State of Ohio be holden in the town of Columbus, in the county of Franklin.

And on motion that the Grand Lodge agree to the same, it was determined in the negative.

A petition from sundry brethren in Hillsborough, praying the erection of a new Lodge in that place, was handed in and read; and, on motion, said resolution was referred to Brothers Belt, Vance and Buttles.

The proceedings in relation to Alexander Enos and Mt. Zion Lodge, were laid before the Grand Lodge; and after having been read, they were referred to Brothers Southward, Kinkead and Coggswell.

Ordered, That Middlebury Lodge No. 34, and Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 37, have leave to work under their present dispensations, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The brethren then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

M. W. Henry Brush, Esq., Grand Master.
R. W. Philemon Beecher, Esq., Deputy Grand Master.
W. Chester Griswold, Esq., Grand Senior Warden.
W. Wm. H. Hopkins, Esq., Grand Junior Warden.
Brother David Kinkead, Grand Treasurer.
" Robert Kercheval, Grand Secretary.
" John Hellings, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following additional officers:

Brother Joseph S. Hughes, Grand Chaplain.
" Gustavus Swan, Grand Orator.
" Jeremiah M'Lene, Grand Marshal.
" Aaron Casad, Grand Senior Deacon.
" James Gates, Grand Junior Deacon.
" Thomas S. Foote, Grand Pursuivant.
" William Beardsley, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brothers John Woodbridge, Wm. R. Southward, John Waddle, James Barnes, Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn until to-morrow 3 o'clock.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

Robert Kercheval, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1817.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The following report was made:

The committee to whom were referred certain documents relating to the difficulties between Alexander Enos and Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, report: — That they have had the same under consideration, and from what they can collect from facts in their possession, they are of opinion that the conduct of A. Enos has been improper, unmasonic, and highly reprehensible. On the other hand, they are also induced to believe that the course pursued by Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, has been irregular and deserves censure. They therefore recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolutions, and that the Grand Secretary furnish Mt. Zion Lodge and A. Enos each a copy:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, viewing with disapprobation all irregularities in the subordinate Lodges recommends to Mt. Zion Lodge to be more cautious in its labors.

Resolved, also, That although the conduct of A. Enos has been unmasonic, and deserves censure, the Grand Lodge, trusting in his reformation, restores him to the privileges of Masonry.

W. R. SOUTHWARD,
ELI COGGSWELL.

The committee to whom was referred the papers from American Union Lodge No. 1, reported as follows:

The undersigned committee, to whom were referred the proceedings of the Lodge at Athens, respecting admission of prohibited brethren, beg leave to report that they are sensibly impressed with the impropriety of that Lodge in admitting those visitors; but from the facts in evidence, they are disposed to recommend that the Lodge at Athens be required by our M. W. G. M., in strong terms, to be more guarded in future.

OLIVER FAIRCHILD,
LEVIN BELT,
WM. H. HOPKINS, } *Committee.*

The following report was also received and agreed to by the Grand Lodge:

The committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to consider the subject of compensating the Grand Lecturer, beg leave to report that one of the first objects of Masonry being to promote, as much as possible, the operation of those charitable feelings, which are of divine origin, so as in some measure effectually to relieve the distresses and miseries of the unfortunate; therefore it is the wish of your committee to attend with due precision to those economical practices that may in the end accomplish this primary object of our institution.

Under the impressions resulting from the foregoing considerations, your committee think it expedient that the Grand Lecturer be directed to attend the next Grand Communication to be holden in Chillicothe on the first Monday in August next, for the purpose of instructing the representatives and proxies from the different Lodges, in the lectures appertaining to the several degrees of Masonry.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the Grand Lecturer be requested to attend the next Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, to be holden in Chillicothe on the first Monday in August next, that the representatives and proxies from the different Lodges in the State of Ohio may have an opportunity of receiving instructions in the lectures on the different degrees of Masonry under the direction of the Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Lecturer receive for his services from the funds of the Grand Lodge *three dollars* per day, so long as he may be employed under its direction, in the discharge of his duties as Grand Lecturer.

Resolved, That a resolution of this Grand Lodge, adopted at their Grand Communication in 1814, providing for the payment of Grand Lecturer, be no longer binding on

the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge: and the Grand Secretary is hereby directed to transmit to every subordinate Lodge, as early as possible, a copy of the present resolutions.

JOHN KERR,
AARON CASAD,
S. S. MILES,
EBENEZER RAMSEY, } *Committee.*

Ordered, That Friendship Lodge No. 32, have leave to work under their present dispensation until the next Grand Communication.

The committee appointed to report a circular letter to be addressed to the subordinate Lodges, offered the following, which was adopted:

A CIRCULAR from the Grand Lodge of Ohio to the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

BRETHREN:—While assembled, and solemnly engaged for the general welfare and prosperity of the most excellent *Order of Masonry* as the parent and guardian of the institution in this section of our beloved country, the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio affectionately *claims* the serious attention of its subordinate Lodges to a subject which is judged of vital importance to the honor and enduring prosperity of American Masonry, viz: the imperious necessity of an increased degree of *caution* in admissions to the Order, and a more energetic discipline among the Craft. It is in vain to attempt the concealment of the frequent departure of many branches of the Masonic family from the pure principles and simple practice of their ancient and venerable ancestry. The prodigality with which *their* inheritance has been squandered among undeserving and profligate associates, has in a great degree portended the universal sway of ruin and dilapidation. And this destruction has hitherto been prevented only by the counteracting influence of those who have remained faithful to the ancient and honorable principles of this ancient and enduring establishment; and who, with unwearied vigilance, have trembled for the Ark of the Covenant.

While it is considered worthy of congratulation and encouragement, that the bewildering shades of ignorance and prejudice are fast receding from the increased splendor of refined illumination; and that the Masonic system, at this day more than at any previous period, is correctly estimated: there is also discovered much cause for regret and severe reprehension. Truly, the Masonic Temple may be veiled in sackcloth, and its votaries mourn that the *Great Lights of the Order* are so feebly reflected in their lives and conversation.

Brethren: a great and invaluable *deposit* has been committed to your trust. You hold the *keys* of the sanctuary, and command the avenue to the treasury of mystery. How critical, then, and important is your station, while the gates of the Temple are beset with the importunate applications of an indiscriminate multitude of the skeptical, profligate and ignorant; especially when it is considered that *by an improper initiation* the principal *characteristic* of the Order becomes *sullied*, and deeply stained with the *blood* of an unworthy brother; and the great probability, if not certainty, that by the admission of a single degenerate plant into the garden of the Lodge, disease and ruin will be extended to the healthy and vigorous within its vicinity. The celebrity and utility of Masonry depends *not* on the number, but on the purity and uprightness of its votaries. Therefore, in every admission, a strict observance of the *Three Great Lights* of Masonry is solemnly requested and enjoined. A satisfactory belief in the infallible *rule* of our faith and practice, is ever to be required, as an essential prerequisite for initiation: nothing short of which can possibly warrant an expectation that *its* influence will be duly realized. Integrity of heart and uprightness of deportment, together with temperance and virtuous morality, cannot, in this case, be correctly dispensed with. And as these qualifications are essential in admission, it is evident that their continual possession and exercise is ever after, most reasonably to be expected and required. Then let it be remembered, that an *irrevocable decree of exclusion* is solemnly passed against every impropriety that has ever introduced itself among us, as Masons; and that every initiation into a subordinate Lodge will be expected to take place without deviation from the indispensable rules and ancient *land-marks* of our Order. "Animated by a determination to raise our honorable institution to the dignity and estimation which it has a right to claim, no difficulties should appal the conductors of this great work." Vigorous exertions for its external embellishment are not only necessary, but also the most assiduous attention to the superintendence of its internal affairs, in order that there may be excited fresh expectations of increased attainments in the moral harmony and beauty of its proceedings. "The most anxious aim of all your official labors is to be directed to the elevation of the minds of the brethren to a right apprehension of the sublimity and grandeur of the institution; to stimulate them to a corresponding course of personal demeanor, in the conduct of its concerns; to banish all low and groveling ideas of the meaner purposes to which ignorance and folly

have frequently debased it; and to recommend its important benefits to the acceptance of the wise and the good. The lovely image of Masonry is as a city set on a hill. If her features are sullied, or the symmetry of her habiliments deranged, the world will witness and deride our folly; and the publicity of her exposure will make her deformity an object of universal aversion and disgust. On the contrary, arrayed in her native simplicity and purity, she will attract to the vestibule of their sacred temple the upright and the good: your gates will be crowded with visitants the most desirable, and the votaries of religion and of science will not withhold their sanction and support in the conduct of your mysteries."

And now, beloved brethren, commending you to the protection of our Supreme Grand Master, and beseeching Him to shower down His blessings upon you, it is confidently believed that with cheerfulness you will receive your commands from the *East*, and with healthful repose your refreshments in the *South*, that at length, when you have finished your course of exalted labor, you may receive a satisfactory reward in the *West*. Then shall our Great High Priest, our Glorious *Sojourner* and Intercessor, grant you the *pass* into that Grand Lodge above, "where the noise of the *hammer* is no more heard—where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

[By order of the Grand Lodge.]

——— ———, *M. W. G. Master.*

——— ———, *G. Secretary.*

Chillicothe, January 8, *A. L.* 5817.

Which report is humbly submitted.

JOSEPH S. HUGHES,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
WM. R. SOUTHWARD, } *Committee.*

The committee appointed on the petition of the brethren from Hillsborough, reported that it was proper that a Lodge should be established there.

Ordered, That a dispensation be issued accordingly.

Adjourned until seven o'clock.

SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in ample form. Present as before.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election (by ballot) of a Grand Lecturer; and upon counting the votes, Brother *Chester Griswold*, of New England Lodge No. 4, was duly elected.

Brother *Foote* moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to transmit, by their representatives or proxies, at the next Annual Communication, a certified copy of their By-Laws, for the inspection and approval of the Grand Lodge.

Ordered, That the brethren of Mansfield Lodge have a renewal of their dispensation.

Ordered, That the following letter be incorporated in the minutes of this Grand Communication:

PHILADELPHIA, July 5, 1816.

R. W. SIR AND BROTHER:—I observe, in the last Communication received by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, that *Joseph Hitchcock*, of Lodge No. 61, at Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, under our jurisdiction, has several times been received as a visitor in Lodge No. 26, held at Lebanon, under the jurisdiction of your R. W. Grand Lodge. He was expelled by his Lodge (No. 61) on the 2d May, 1814; but it was not made known to the Grand Lodge till a long time after. You will find it communicated in our Annual Communication of December last.

I am, R. W. Sir and Brother, yours, respectfully,
GEORGE A. BAKER, *Grand Secretary.*

Bro. ROBERT KERCHEVAL, *R. W. Grand Secretary.*

The following amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws was moved and seconded, read, and laid over until the next Grand Communication:

"Each Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and those hereafter obtaining dispensations or charters, shall, previous to their obtaining such dispensations or charters, deposit in the archives of the Grand Lodge a certified copy of their By-Laws."

The following amendment was also proposed by Brother *Hughes*, seconded by Brother *Kooken:*

"That the Grand Communications of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be held on the second Monday of December, annually."

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary write to Col. Anderson, the Master of Army Lodge No. 24, inquiring into the situation of that Lodge.

Ordered, That the Grand Master and D. G. Master be a committee to prepare a publication for the public prints, in relation to the unwarrantable conduct of *Ichabod Nye* and his associates at Marietta, who have been working as Masons since the first of February, 1816, contrary to an express resolution of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Beecher* offered the following resolution; which was agreed to, and directed to be printed, (together with Brother Foote's resolution above,) and sent in company with the circular as soon as practicable:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That all subordinate Lodges be required to demand of all visiting brethren, before they are admitted within the body of the Lodge, to declare whether they are, or do acknowledge or belong to the pretended Lodge under the patronage and authority of Ichabod Nye and others, held at Marietta, since the first of February, A. D. 1816; and if such visiting person is of and from such irregular and spurious association, then, in such case, the applicant shall be rejected as an impostor.

Brother *Beecher* likewise offered the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have 100 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge printed—that he be directed to transmit a copy thereof to each of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and also one to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States—and that the expense of the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine and enrol the minutes and proceedings of this Grand Communication.

Resolved, That this Grand Annual Communication, having completed the business for which they were assembled, be now adjourned until the first Monday of August next, and that the Grand Lodge be now closed.

The resolutions being adopted, the Grand Lodge, in the name of the Holy Craft, was duly closed.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

ROBT. KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

LIST of Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Name.		No.	Location.	Authority.
American Union Lodge		1	Marietta	Charter.
N. C. Harmony	"	2	Cincinnati	"
Erie	"	3	Warren	"
New England	"	4	Worthington	"
Amity	"	5	Zanesville	"
Scioto	"	6	Chillicothe	"
Morning Dawn	"	7	Gallipolis	"
Harmony	"	8	Urbana	"
Mount Zion	"	9	Clinton	"
Meridian Orb	"	10	Painesville	"
Centre Star	"	11	Granville	"
Unity	"	12	Ravenna	"
St. Johns'	"	13	Dayton	"
Franklin	"	14	Troy	"
Concord	"	15	Cleveland	"
Belmont	"	16	St. Clairsville	"
Washington	"	17	Hamilton	"
Hiram	"	18	Delaware	"
Jerusalem	"	19	Vernon	"
Farmers'	"	20	Belpre	"
Western Star	"	21	Canfield	"
Rising Sun	"	22	Ashtabula	"
Pickaway	"	23	Circleville	"
Army	"	24	[Not fixed]	Disp.
Paramuthia	"	25	Athens	Charter.
Lebanon	"	26	Lebanon	"
Morning Star	"	27	Springfield	Disp.
Temple	"	28	Harpersfield	"
Clermont Social	"	29	Williamsburgh	Charter.
Ohio	"	30	Columbus	"
Golden Rule	"	31	Fairfield	Disp.
Friendship	"	32	St. Clairsville*	"
Ebenezer	"	33	Wooster	"
Middlebury	"	34	Middlebury	"
Mansfield	"	35	Mansfield	"
Portage	"	36	Atwater	"
Mount Moriah	"	37	Waterford	"
Highland	"	38	Hillsborough	"

* St. Clairsville, in the county of Adams.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Chillicothe, August 4, A. D. 1817.—A. L. 5817.

M. W. Henry Brush, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Bro. John Bailhache, Chillicothe.]

At a Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held at Masons' Hall, in the town of Chillicothe, on Monday, the 4th day of August, 1817, there were present as follows:

M. W. Henry Brush, Grand Master.
R. W. Philemon Beecher, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Chester Griswold, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Thomas R. Ross, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
W. David Kinkead, Grand Treasurer.
W. Robert Kercheval, Grand Secretary.
W. Thomas Orr, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. James Gates, Grand Junior Deacon.
W. John Hellings, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The roll being called, the following Lodges were present by their Representatives, viz:

No. 1. American Union,
" 3. Erie,
" 4. New England,
" 6. Scioto,
" 9. Mount Zion,
" 10. Meridian Orb,
" 12. Unity,
" 16. Belmont,
" 17. Washington,
No. 18. Hiram,
" 19. Jerusalem,
" 20. Western Star,
" 23. Pickaway,
" 26. Lebanon,
" 30. Ohio,
" 32. Friendship,
" 34. Middlebury,
" 35. Mansfield,
No. 36. Portage,
" 37. Mount Moriah,
" 38. Highland,
" 39. New Haven,
" 40. Waynesfield,
" 41. Brookville,
" 42. Western Phœnix,
" 43. West Union.

There being present a majority of all the Lodges, the Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form.

Bros. Warner, Southward and Barrere were appointed a committee to examine the credentials of the representatives and proxies.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following standing committees:

On Accounts—Bros. James Renick, Benajah Ticknor, John A. McDowell.
On Grievances—Bros. Seth Day, S. C. Stevens, George Bryan.
To receive Visitors—Bros. Alfred Manning, Isaac Huber.

On motion of Bro. *Beecher*, a committee was appointed to wait on the Rev. Bro. PHILANDER CHASE, and request him, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to deliver to the Brethren a Masonic discourse; also, to prepare a suitable apartment for the purpose.

Bros. Beecher, Southward and C. Griswold were appointed said committee.

The Grand Communication was then adjourned until five o'clock this evening.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge convened, pursuant to adjournment. Present as in the morning.

The committee appointed for that purpose reported, that they had waited upon the Rev. Bro. Chase, and informed him of the request of the Grand Lodge, and had received for answer, that he would comply with their wishes. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will go in procession to the Presbyterian meeting-house, at 12 o'clock to-morrow, and hear the discourse.

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the representatives and proxies to the Grand Lodge, reported as follows:

The committee appointed by the M. W. Grand Master for the purpose of examining the credentials of representatives from the different subordinate Lodges composing this Grand Lodge, on the first Monday of August, A. L. 5817, report: That they have examined the same, and find the following Lodges duly represented:

No. 1. *American Union*—Anax'r Warner, Rep.
" 3. *Erie*—Benajah Ticknor, Rep.
" 4. *New England*—Chester Griswold, proxy.
" 6. *Scioto*—Wm. R. Southward, Rep.
" 8. *Harmony*—D. Campbell, Rep.
" 9. *Mt Zion*—Alfred Manning, Rep.
" 10. *Meridian Orb*—John A. McDowell, proxy.
" 11. *Center Star*—W S. Richards, Rep.
" 12. *Unity*—Seth Day, Rep.
" 13. *St. Johns'*—W. A. Smith, Rep.
" 14. *Franklin*—R. H. Culbertson, Rep.
" 16. *Belmont*—Henry Brush, proxy.
" 17. *Washington*—Jos. S. Benham, Rep.
" 18. *Hiram*—Chester Griswold, proxy.
" 19. *Jerusalem*—Ben'h Ticknor, proxy.
" 21. *Western Star*—Ben'h Ticknor, proxy.
" 23. *Pickaway*—James Renick, Rep.
No. 25. *Paramuthia*—S. S. Miles, proxy.
" 26. *Lebanon*—Tho R. Ross, Rep.
" 29. *Clermont Social*—Isaac Huber, Rep.
" 30. *Ohio*—John A. McDowell, Rep.
" 31. *Golden Rule*—A. Casad, Rep.
" 32. *Friendship*—George Bryan, Rep.
" 34. *Middlebury*—R. Kercheval, proxy.
" 35 *Mansfield*—R. Kercheval, proxy.
" 36. *Portage*—Seth Day, proxy.
" 37. *Mt. Moriah*—John A. McDowell, proxy.
" 38. *Highland*—George W. Barrere, Rep.
" 39. *New Haven*—Chester Griswold, proxy.
" 40. *Northern Light*—Henry Brush, proxy.
" 41. *Harmony*—S. C. Stevens, Rep.
" 42. *Phœnix*—J. A. McDowell, proxy.
" 43. *West Union*—Samuel Treat, Rep.

A. WARNER,
W. R. SOUTHWARD,
GEO. W. BARRERE, } *Committee.*

William Gillespie, of St. Johns' Lodge, (a suspended brother,) presented sundry papers to the Grand Lodge, which were referred to the committee on Grievances.

Applications having been made for charters for New Haven Lodge No.

39, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 37, and Friendship Lodge No 32, the same were referred to a committee, consisting of Bros. Beecher, Ross and Treat.

Ordered, That Portage Lodge No. 36, Middlebury Lodge No. 34, Brookville Harmony Lodge No. 41, West Union Lodge No. 43, Highland Lodge, No. 38, and Western Phœnix Lodge No. 42, have leave to work under their present dispensations until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brothers Miles, Benham and Warner were appointed a committee to examine the copies of the By-Laws of subordinate Lodges, forwarded for inspection, agreeably to resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication.

Ordered, That this Grand Communication do now adjourn until to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, August 5, 1817.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment.

Agreeably to a resolution offered yesterday, the Grand Lodge moved in procession to the Presbyterian Church, and heard an appropriate discourse from the Rev. Brother Chase; after which they returned in procession to the Lodge room. Whereupon, Brother *Beecher* moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait on the Rev. Brother Chase, and return him the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his excellent discourse, and request a copy for the use of the Grand Lodge; which motion was agreed to, and Brothers Beecher, Griswold and Ross were accordingly appointed.

Ordered, That this Grand Communication do now adjourn until 5 o'clock this evening.

TUESDAY — 5 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as in the forenoon.

A petition from a number of Brethren near Mantua, in Portage county, praying to be created into a regular body of Masons, was referred to Bros. Southward, Day and Ticknor.

The committee appointed on yesterday to take into consideration the expediency of granting Charters, reported that it was expedient, and that Charters ought to be granted to New Haven Lodge, No. 39; to Friendship Lodge, No. 32; and that Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 37, be authorized to work under their present Dispensation, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge; which was agreed to.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, proposed at the last Grand Communication by Brother Hughes, in the following words:

"That the Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be held on the second Monday of December, annually;" to which an amendment was proposed by Brother Beecher, so that the proposition will stand thus:

Resolved, That the Grand Communications of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be held on the second Monday of December, annually; and that the next Grand Communication shall be held on the second Monday in December, 1818; and that the provisions of the By-Laws hitherto adopted on this subject be repealed.

And upon the question being taken, Shall this amendment now pass? it was determined in the affirmative, voting by Lodges.

The following resolution was then proposed, which was also determined in the affirmative, voting by Lodges:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio shall be holden in the town of Columbus, in the county of Franklin.

Ordered, That a communication, handed in by the representative of St. Johns' Lodge, in relation to a sum of money forwarded by the Secretary of that Lodge to the Grand Secretary, be referred to the committee of Grievances.

The following report was read and agreed to:

The committee appointed by the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the purpose of examining the By-Laws of the different subordinate Lodges composing the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report: That they have examined the copies of the By-Laws exhibited by the different Lodges, and find them to correspond, in the general principles, and to be consistent with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. To examine all the By-Laws exhibited, with a view of drafting a copy to be recommended to the subordinate Lodges, we conceive unnecessary, as every subordinate Lodge has a right to make their own By-Laws, keeping in view the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge and the ancient land-marks.

Jos. S. Benham,
Anaximander Warner,
Solomon S. Miles.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to the Rev. Brother Chase, as a testimony of their respect for the discourse delivered by him yesterday.

Ordered, also, That the further sum of ten dollars be paid to Brother Man, who assisted the band of music in playing in the procession.

Ordered, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the election of its Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

And, upon counting the votes, the following Brethren were duly elected, viz:

Henry Brush, Grand Master.
Philemon Beecher, Deputy Grand Master.
Chester Griswold, Senior Grand Warden.
Thomas R. Ross, Junior Grand Warden.
R. Kercheval, Grand Secretary.
D. Kinkead, Grand Treasurer.
James Kooken, Grand Steward and Tyler.
Rev. Philander Chase, Grand Chaplain.

The following additional officers were appointed by the Grand Master:

Rev. Jos. S. Hughes, Grand Orator.
Jere. M'Lene, Grand Marshal.
A. Casad, Senior Grand Deacon.
Arory Buttles, Junior Grand Deacon.
Geo. W. Barrere, Grand Pursuivant.

SOLOMON SMITH, Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN A. M'DOWELL,
LINCOLN GOODALE,
W. R. SOUTHWARD,
JOHN WOODBRIDGE,
} Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

Ordered, That this Grand Communication do now adjourn until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, August 6, 1817.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

The committee of Grievances made the following report:

The committee of Grievances, to whom was submitted the motion of Brother Smith, the representative of St. John's Lodge, No 13, beg leave to report: That they have had the same under consideration, and from what they have had before them, they are of opinion that the motion ought to be overruled, and that the said Lodge forthwith pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of seventeen dollars, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the year 1815, until paid.

S. C. STEVENS,
S. DAY.

Brother Beecher moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Brother T. Worthington draw upon the Treasurer of the Lodge for a sum sufficient to pay up two installments on the shares subscribed in his name, in trust for the Lodge, in the Bank of Chillicothe, and that he apply the same in payment of such balance.

Resolved, That the W. G. Master open a correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, relative to the charter by that Lodge granted to sundry individuals, under the name of American Union Lodge, in such form and to such effect as he shall deem suitable and proper.

Ordered, That the Grand Communication do now adjourn until 5 o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 6—5 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as this morning, except R. W. G. S. Warden (Chester Griswold), Brother Benham officiating in his place.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form. There not being a majority of the Lodge present, in consequence of the absence of several of their representatives or proxies, the Grand Communication was not enabled to complete its business. The Grand Master, however, proceeded to install the officers (elect) for the ensuing year.

The following was offered as an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws, by Brother *S. C. Stevens*, and seconded by Brother *S. Treat;* which was directed to lay over until the next Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That part of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which require a representation from a majority of all the subordinate Lodges to be present before the Grand

Lodge can be opened to work, be and the same is hereby repealed; and that from and after the adoption of this resolution, a representation from fifteen of the subordinate Lodges shall be authorized to open the Grand Lodge, to work and transact business.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

HENRY BRUSH, *Grand Master.*

ROBERT KERCHEVAL, *Grand Secretary.*

N. B.—As many of the representatives of the Grand Lodge as were present, sanctioned the following resolutions, offered by Brother Th. R. Ross:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have 100 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge printed; that he be directed to transmit a copy thereof to each of the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and also one to each of the Grand Lodges within the United States; and that the expense of the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine and enroll the minutes and proceedings of this Grand Communication.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Begun and held in the Borough of Columbus, on Monday, the 14th day of December, A. D. 1818.—A. L. 5818.

M. W. CHESTER GRISWOLD, *Grand Master.*

AT a Grand Annual Communication, begun and held in the borough of Columbus, on Monday, the 14th day of December, A. D. 1818, and of Masonry, 5818, there were present as follows:

R. W. CHESTER GRISWOLD, G. S. W., as Grand Master.
R. W. THOMAS R. ROSS, as Grand Senior Warden.
W. DAVID HIGGINS, as Grand Junior Warden.
W. BENJAMIN GARDINER, as Grand Secretary.
W. LINCOLN GOODALE, as Grand Treasurer.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE, as Grand Senior Deacon.
W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, as Grand Junior Deacon.
W. JAMES KOOKEN, as Grand Steward and Tyler.

The roll of Lodges being called, it appeared that 25 Lodges were duly represented; which being a majority of all the Lodges in the jurisdiction, the GRAND LODGE OF OHIO was opened in due form, on the third degree of Masonry.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committes, viz:

On Credentials—Bros. Thos. R. Ross, Dan'l Upson.
On Accounts—Bros. Joel Collins, John Kerr, J. Barker.
On Grievances—Bros. Lewis Dille, Wm. M. Smith, James Bell.
To Examine Visitors—Bros. Elisha Searle, John Campbell.

A letter from M. W. Bro. *Henry Brush*, Grand Master, addressed to R. W. Chester Griswold, was presented and read.

A letter and report from Bro. *Robert Kercheval*, Grand Secretary, was presented and read.

Also, a letter and account current from Bro. *David Kinkead*, Grand Treasurer, was communicated.

Ordered, That this Grand Communication do now adjourn until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

B. GARDINER, *Grand Secretary pro tem.*

TUESDAY, December 15, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Bro. *Ross* submitted the following report, which was read and accepted, viz:

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the representatives and proxies of the subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report: That upon examination, they have found the following Lodges duly represented:

No. 1. *American Union*—J. Barker.
" 2. *N. C Harmony*—Solomon Sisco.
" 3. *Erie*—Edward Scofield.
" 4. *New England*—Daniel Upson.
" 13. *St. Johns'*—Wm. M. Smith.
" 15. *Concord*—Lewis Dille.
" 17. *Washington*—Joel Collins.
" 18. *Hiram*—William Little
" 21. *Western Star*—John Campbell.
" 23. *Pickaway*—James Bell.
" 26. *Lebanon*—Thos. R. Ross.
" 27. *Morning Star*—David Higgins.
" 28 *Temple*—Aaron Wheeler.
" 30. *Oh o*—John Kerr.
" 31. *Golden Rule*—Elisha Searle.
" 33. *Ebenezer*—Thos. M'Millen.
No. 35. *Mansfield*—James Hedges.
" 36. *Portage*—John Campbell.
" 37. *Mt Moriah*—Sardine Stone.
" 38. *Highland*—Geo. R. Fitzgerald.
" 40. *Northern Light*—Almon Gibbs.
" 41. *Brookville Harmony*—And. Wallace.
" 42. *Western Phœnix*—Aaron Wheeler.
" 43. *West Union*—G. R. Fitzgerald.
" 46. *Miami*—E B. Cooke.
" 12. *Unity*—John Campbell.
" 20. *Farmers'*—Joseph Barker.
" 34. *Middlebury*—Rial McArthur.
" 29. *Clermont Social*—Wm. Waters.
" 9. *Mt. Zion*—Abner Lord.
" 25. *Paramuthia*—Sylvanus Ames.

THOMAS R. ROSS, DANIEL UPSON, } *Committee.*

The following was offered as an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws, by Bro. *Ross*, seconded by Bro. *Searle*, and was directed to lay over until the next Annual Grand Communication, viz:

Resolved, That so much of the 29th Article of the By-Laws as requires "every subordinate Lodge to pay to the Grand Treasurer, on account of the Grand Lodge, every twelve months, for every member of each subordinate Lodge, fifty cents per annum," be and the same is hereby repealed, after the adoption of this resolution; and that this resolution, when adopted, shall become a By-Law of this Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Higgins*,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to examine the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges which may be presented.

Bros. A. I. McDowell, Higgins and Sisco were appointed said committee.

Bros. Thos. R. Ross, Kerr and Little were appointed a committee to examine applications and petitions for new Lodges; and for charters to those Lodges now working under dispensation.

The amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws, proposed at the last Grand Communication by Brother *S. C. Stevens*, in the words following:

"*Resolved*, That that part of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge which requires a representation from a majority of all the subordinate Lodges to be present, before the Grand Lodge can be opened to work, be and the same is hereby repealed. And that from and after the adoption of this resolution, a representation from fifteen of the subordinate Lodges shall be authorized to open the Grand Lodge to work and transact business;"

Having been maturely considered, was adopted, voting by Lodges,—25 in the affirmative, one in the negative.

The Grand Communication then adjourned until 5 o'clock, this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING, December 15, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as in the morning, together with several visiting brethren.

Bro. *Thos. R. Ross* presented the following report, which was accepted:

The committee appointed yesterday to take into consideration the expediency of granting charters to such subordinate Lodges as are now working under letters of dispensation, and also to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the establishment of new Lodges, report: That they have performed their duty, and recommend that charters be granted to the following Lodges, viz:

Morning Star Lodge No. 27,	Middlebury Lodge No. 34,	Nor'n Light Lodge No. 40,
Temple " " 28,	Mansfield " " 35,	Brook. Harmony " " 41,
Friendship " " 32,	Portage " " 36,	West. Phœnix " " 42,
Ebenezer " " 33,	Mt. Moriah " " 37,	Miami " " 46,

All their fees and dues being previously paid. And that the following Lodges, working under letters of dispensation, be authorized to continue their labors until the next grand communication of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

West Union Lodge No. 43,	Highland Lodge No. 38,	Columbia Lodge No. 44.
Steubenville " " 45,	Aurora " " 48,	

And that letters of dispensation be granted according to the prayers of the petitions, of the following persons from Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio, viz: Amasa Truesdal, Reuben Adams, Stephen Bosworth, John Bapt. Du Mondt, James Standbury, Samuel Cox and Nath'l Harris; and also, to the following persons, petitioners from Xenia, Greene county, viz: John Smith, Caleb West, Abner Read, Amasa Read, Orlitus Roberts, Joshua Martin and William F. Elkin.

THOMAS R. ROSS,
WILLIAM LITTLE, } *Committee.*
JOHN KERR,

Bro. *William M. Smith* presented the following report, viz:

The Committee on Grievances report: That they have taken into consideration the petition of Samuel Conan, an expelled member from Golden Rule Lodge No. 31; and that they have examined such papers as have been exhibited to them, relative to his case,—and are of opinion that the petitioner has no claim to the interference of this Grand Lodge; and that the expulsion of said Samuel by said Lodge should be confirmed.

WM. M. SMITH,
LEWIS DILLE, } *Committee.*
JAMES BELL,

Whereupon, on motion of Bro. *Thos. R. Ross*, it was ordered that Bros. David Higgins, of Morning Star Lodge, Warren Munger and Fielding

Gosney, of St. Johns' Lodge, be a committee to attend at some convenient time and place, and hear and fully examine the case of Samuel Conan, an expelled member from Golden Rule Lodge, who has appealed to this Grand Lodge, and that said committee make report to the Grand Lodge at its next annual Grand Communication.

The committee on Grievances made the following report:

In the case of William Gillespie, a suspended brother, of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, your committee are of opinion that the case should be a strong one, to claim the interference of the Grand Lodge. By examining the papers which have been laid before your committee relative to this case, they are of opinion that the conduct of said Gillespie was highly unmasonic, and that the decision of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, relative to him, ought to be confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

LEWIS DILLE,
WM. M. SMITH,
JAMES BELL.

Whereupon, it being clearly shown that the term of said Gillespie's suspension had long since expired, it was on motion, ordered, that all further proceedings be indefinitely postponed — voting by Lodges—ayes 18, nays 5.

On motion of Brother *Wm. M. Smith*,

Ordered, That the Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund be authorized to appropriate and pay $17 for the relief of ——— Nicholas, and his family, residing in Dayton.

The following report was presented and accepted, voting by Lodges—*ayes* 19, *nays* 5, viz:

The committee to whom were referred the By-Laws, transmitted by several Lodges, for the examination of the Grand Lodge, report: That they have examined the By-Laws of Morning Star, Temple, Mount Moriah, and Ebenezer Lodges, and find the provisions contained in them consistent with the principles of Masonry. They have also examined the By-Laws of Columbia Lodge No. 44, and beg leave to suggest that in the opinion of your committee the 11th Article of those By-Laws is not consistent with the principles of Masonry.

D. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

On motion of Brother *Higgins*,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, one dissenting vote on applications for admission to the benefits of Masonry, is sufficient to prohibit the initiation of the applicant. And that this Grand Lodge does hereby recommend to Columbia Lodge No. 44, and to all other Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to expunge from their By-Laws any article which may be contrary to the provisions of this resolution. Ayes 19, nays 5.

The Grand Communication was then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

B. GARDINER, *Grand Secretary pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY, December 16, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *John Kerr* moved the following as an amendment to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, to lay on file until the next Annual Grand Communication, viz:

1. No member of the Grand Lodge shall be permitted to represent, as proxy, more than one subordinate Lodge.

2 Any subordinate Lodge that is not represented in the Grand Lodge, at the regular Annual Communication by proxy or otherwise, or shall neglect to make its regular returns, embracing its dues to the Grand Lodge up to the time of the next Grand Communication, shall pay, for the use of the Grand Charity Fund, in addition to its dues, the sum of twenty dollars; which, however, may be remitted by the Grand Lodge, if good reasons be shown for so doing.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year; and on counting the votes the following brethren were declared duly elected, viz:

M. W. Chester Griswold, Grand Master.
R. W. Phineas Ross, Deputy Grand Master.
W. John Snow, Grand Senior Warden.
W. Abram I. McDowell, Grand Junior Warden.
W. Roger Searls, M. R. Grand Chaplain.
W. Joseph S. Hughes, Grand Orator.
Brother Benjamin Gardiner, Grand Secretary.
" Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer.
" Horace Wolcott, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments, viz:

Brother William Little, Grand Senior Deacon.
" Arory Buttles, Grand Junior Deacon.
" Jeremiah M'Lene Grand Marshal.
Brother Geo. W. Barrere Grand Pursuivant.
" John Snow, Grand Lecturer.
" Solomon Smith, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brothers John Kerr, Joel Buttles, Abner Lord, J. A. McDowell, Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 6 o'clock P. M.

Wednesday Evening, December 16, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother James Kilbourn, Past Deputy Grand Master, being present, installed the M. W. Grand Master elect, who then installed the other officers of the Grand Lodge, in due and ancient form.

Brother *John Kerr* offered the following, to be adopted as a By-Law, viz:

"If, after the election of the officers of the Grand Lodge, the [Grand] Wardens only shall be found present, they shall have power to proceed to the installation of the Grand Lodge, selecting such proxies for the absent members elect as they may deem proper."

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary send a person, as soon as possible, to the late Grand Secretary, and request of him all the papers, books and other property in his possession, belonging to the Grand Lodge; the person thus employed to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Thomas R. Ross*, it was

Ordered, That those subordinate Lodges which are working under letters of dispensation, and to which charters have been ordered, but not delivered, be permitted to continue their work under said letters of dispensation until the next Annual Communication, unless their charters be sooner delivered.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge take such Masonic steps as he may deem most prudent, to make known to our late M W Grand Master, Henry Brush, Esq., the high opinion this Grand Lodge entertains of his Masonic abilities; and that the grateful thanks of this Lodge be tendered to Brother Brush, for the able and judicious manner in which he presided over the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, Treasurer and Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge, be a committee to inquire into the amounts of the funds of this Grand Lodge;

the amount due to it, when, and from whom; the amount paid out, to whom, and when, from the organization of the Grand Lodge to the present Communication; and that they report at the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion of Brother *Thomas R. Ross*,

Resolved, That a committee of three Master Masons be appointed by the Grand Lodge, to inquire into the Masonic conduct of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, as to their mode of dealing with their Masonic brethren, members of said Lodge; and to report to the next meeting of this Lodge whether said Lodge No. 13, has at any time suspended or expelled any member or members of said Lodge for unmasonic conduct; and whom, when, for what cause, and how done; and that said committee be authorized to meet at St. Johns' Lodge Room, and demand an inspection of the books and papers of said Lodge, and hear any statement of grievances from any individuals who either do, or may have belonged to said Lodge, and attend to any testimony produced either by the Lodge or any aggrieved brother. And that said committee make a full statement, in writing, and report the same to the next Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Phineas Ross, Davis Embree and William A. Needham said committee.

Brothers *John A. McDowell* and *Lincoln Goodale*, Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund the past year, made a detailed report of their disbursements and loans, amounting to $130; which was read and placed on file.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

BENJAMIN GARDINER, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY MORNING, December 17, 1818.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *William M. Smith*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have one hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of this Grand Communication printed, with the By-Laws, and a proper form of a return and an account-current annexed thereto, for the benefit of the subordinate Lodges; and transmit a printed copy to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States; and that the expense of the same be defrayed from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the present Grand Secretary is hereby directed to require and receive of the late Grand Secretary, all the papers, books, notes, bonds, or any evidence of claims which this Grand Lodge may have, and that he receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the present Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to require and receive of the late Grand Treasurer, all the funds and other property of this Grand Lodge which may be in his hands, whether they consist in money, bank stock, bills, notes, bonds, or otherwise; and that he receipt for the same accordingly.

Ordered, That the Grand Steward's bills, amounting to $50 62, be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine and enroll the proceedings of this Grand Communication.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge closed in ample form; and the Grand Communication was adjourned to the second Monday in December next.

Attest: CHESTER GRISWOLD, *Grand Master.*

BENJAMIN GARDINER, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Columbus, Dec. 13, A. D. 1819—A. L. 5819.

M. W. John Snow, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Bro. Ezra Griswold Jr., Worthington.]

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio, assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the 2d Monday [13th] of December, A. L. 5819.

Grand Officers present, to wit:

M. W. Chester Griswold, Grand Master.
R. W. John Snow, Grand Senior Warden.
W. Abram I. McDowell, Grand Junior Warden.
Bro. Benj. Gardiner, Grand Secretary.
" Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer.
" Arory Buttles, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" R. R. Chapman, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
" Horace Wolcott, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The roll being called, eighteen Lodges were present, which being a constitutional number of the subordinate Lodges, the Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry, in ample form; and Brother *Hughes*, the Grand Orator, made an appropriate prayer; the Most Rev. Grand Chaplain being absent.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visiting Brethren—Brothers Lucius Smith and Elisha Searle.
On Credentials—Brothers Arory Buttles, Daniel Turney and Geo. W. Barrere.
On Grievances—Brothers Jonathan Carlton, Charles Cavalier and John W. Collett.
To Audit Accounts—Brothers Daniel F. Reeder, A. I. McDowell and Solomon Sisco

On motion of Brother *Joseph S. Hughes*,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and report at this session.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Joseph S.

Hughes, John Snow, Lincoln Goodale, Daniel F. Reeder and G. W. Barrere, the committee.

The following report was read and accepted:

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of the representatives and proxies of the subordinate Lodges, report that, upon examination, they find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
1.	American Union	Sardine Stone.
2.	N. C. Harmony	Solomon Sisco.
4.	New England	Dan'l Upson
5.	Amity	William Blocksom.
6.	Scioto	J. W. Collett.
8.	Harmony	Geo. Fithian, Jo. Vance.
9.	Mt. Zion	Royal D Simons.
11.	Centre Star	Lucius Smith.
13.	St. Johns'	W M. Smith.
16.	Belmont	David Jennings.
17.	Washington	S. Baylies.
18.	Hiram	Pardon Sprague.
19.	Jerusalem	H. Manning.
23	Pickaway	Dan'l Turney.
25.	Paramuthia	E. Hatch.
26.	Lebanon	D. F. Reeder.
27.	Morning Star	Chas. Cavalier.
30.	Ohio	Abram I. McDowell.
31.	Golden Rule	E. Searle.
32.	Friendship	Nath'l Beasley.
33.	Ebenezer	T. G. Jones.
37.	Mt Moriah	Sardine Stone.
38.	Highland	George W. Barrere.
40.	Northern Light	Chester Griswold.
41.	Brookville Harmony	J. B. Rose.
43.	West Union	N Beasley.
44.	Columbia	S. McHenry.
45.	Steubenville	James Kooken.
46.	Miami	Jonas Carlton.
49.	Xenia	W. R. Cole.
53.	Charity	R. R. Chapman.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine all petitions for Dispensations or Charters, and also the By-Laws of subordinate Lodges which shall be presented, and report.

Whereupon, Brothers A. Buttles, D. Turney and L. Smith were appointed.

The following report, being read and duly considered, was ordered to be entered on the Journals of this Grand Lodge, viz:

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at the last annual Grand Communication, for the purpose of inquiring into the Masonic conduct of St. Johns' Lodge, No. 13; and also ascertain whether said Lodge had, at any time, suspended or expelled any member belonging to the Lodge; and if so, inform the Grand Lodge of the same; stating whom, when, for what cause, and how; ask leave to report: That they met at St. Johns' Lodge room on Friday, 4th June, 1819, and proceeded to make the necessary examination. The committee deem it unimportant and useless to inform the Grand Lodge of such facts, a knowledge of which it must have already obtained from the returns made by said Lodge No. 13. They, therefore, think proper to report only such cases of suspension and expulsion, as by doing which, it appears to the committee, the Lodge have greatly erred. One or two instances, however, have come to the knowledge of this committee, wherein the proceedings of that Lodge have been highly irregular; of which the committee will give a brief account, as derived from the records of the Lodge, and from witnesses duly examined.

It appears that, on 27th February, 1817, charges for unmasonic conduct were preferred by Lewis Duncan against Brother William Gillespie, a copy of which was furnished him, and a summons issued for him to appear and answer at the next meeting, viz, on the 27th March; at which time said Gillespie appeared, denied the charges, and stated he was ready for trial; but, by order of the Lodge, the trial was postponed until the next regular meeting (on the ground of Duncan not being prepared for a hearing), as appears from the statement of several who were present at the before-mentioned meeting. On the same evening, William Gillespie preferred charges against Lewis Duncan, and the Lodge ordered the Secretary to make out a copy of the charges and serve them on Brother Duncan. It appears that the minutes of that evening have been altered, by striking out the word *regular*, so as to make them read, the *next* meeting. Several days after, viz, late in the day of 3d April, a summons was served on William

Gillespie, to appear and answer the charges preferred against him by Lewis Duncan, on *that evening*, as the Lodge would convene for the purpose of hearing them. Said Gillespie did not appear before the Lodge; and alleges that he was not, and could not be, prepared for trial on such short notice, he having relied on being heard at the next regular meeting, to which time that business had been postponed. The Lodge convened on the evening of 3d April, and suspended said Gillespie for one year, on a different charge, viz. "for insulting the Worshipful Master, and for reviling and insulting the society in open Lodge, on 27th March, 1817," without giving said Gillespie any notice whatever that the Lodge had any such complaint against him. The Lodge then ordered the charges, preferred by Duncan against Gillespie, to remain on file; and, at the same time, ordered the charges exhibited by Gillespie against Duncan, to be stricken off the files, alleging they were not properly before the Lodge. We find a resolution of the Lodge, passed the same evening, to this effect: "The Lodge refuse to certify to the Grand Lodge their belief of their payment of $17, by William Gillespie, to the Grand Lodge;" thereby indirectly charging said Gillespie with embezzling the same, when it is clearly shown to this committee that there was not then, nor is there at this time, any evidence whatever on which to ground such an insinuation. By the statements, it appears that, at the next succeeding regular meeting of the Lodge, Wm. Gillespie (he having been informed of his suspension) notified the Lodge, through Brother Charles Smith, that he should appeal to the Grand Lodge, and requested a copy of their proceedings in his case; which request was refused, and notice of his appeal was not entered. The appeal was afterwards effected, and came up before the committee of Grievances, at the last Grand Communication, as appears on the records of the Grand Lodge. A roll of papers was exhibited to this committee, which, from the statements of several members of the Lodge, are the same which were presented before the committee of Grievances for the Grand Lodge, containing a number of charges, for which said Gillespie had never been tried; and also certificates, allegations and statements, which were never regularly before St. Johns' Lodge. They are a heterogeneous mass of matter, improper, and altogether irrelevant to said Gillespie's case, calculated for the purpose of defeating his appeal, as appears to this committee; inasmuch as they cannot find any thing in them that has any relation to the case, except the bare statement of his suspension, and the causes thereof, which, in the opinion of the committee, on the evidence adduced, could not justify St. Johns' Lodge, nor any other Lodge, in suspending a brother, under the circumstances in which these assertions were made. While the proceedings of the Lodge, in this case, might be supposed to be before the Grand Lodge, and the acts and decisions of that body were or could be transmitted to the subordinate Lodges, and before this committee, who were appointed to investigate the conduct of said Lodge, No 13, could meet, viz, on the 7th day of January, 1819, the Lodge expelled and published said Gillespie, as an expelled Mason, on the charges preferred against him by Duncan, nearly two years before, without giving any notice whatever to said Gillespie that that subject would be again agitated! On such proceedings this committee feel themselves constrained, though reluctantly, to comment. For a Lodge to charge a brother with a violation of high Masonic duty; to refuse to hear his complaints against others; to suspend him on charges he had never heard; and, finally, to expel and publish him to the world for causes to him altogether unknown, are transactions that this committee little expected would have ever tarnished the records of any Masonic society. They are circumstances which merit the animadversion of every Mason, and loudly demand the interference of the Grand Lodge, to whom, with due respect, they are submitted, by

PHINEAS ROSS,
DAVIS EMBREE,
WM. A. NEEDHAM.

Dayton, 5th June, 1819.

On motion,

Resolved, That the report of Brothers Phineas Ross, Davis Embree, and William A. Needham, be referred to a committee of five, for them to examine said report, and such

other documents as may properly be laid before them; and that they make report to-morrow.

Whereupon Brothers Vance, Beasley, Kerr, Collett and Cavalier, were appointed.

The report of the committee appointed at the last Grand Communication on the case of Golden Rule Lodge No. 31, and Samuel Cozard, being read, with sundry accompanying documents—

Ordered, That the same be referred to a select committee, for them to examine the same, and report to-morrow.

Whereupon Brothers R. W. Cowles, G. W. Barrere, A. Buttles, R. D. Simons, and J. Carlton, were appointed.

The several resolutions presented at the last Grand Communication, proposing amendments to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, being read, were referred to the committee appointed this day to revise the By-Laws.

The committee to whom were referred the papers in the case of Samuel Cozard, an expelled member from Golden Rule Lodge No. 31, reported as follows:

Your committee having examined the report of the committee appointed at the last Grand Communication, and the accompanying documents, are of opinion that the second charge against said Cozard is supported by the affidavit of Jesse Rush, marked B.; and they therefore beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sentence of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 31, in the case of Samuel Cozard, be confirmed.

Which report, (and also the report of D. Higgins, W. Munger, and F. Gosney, the former committee, with other documents,) being read and duly considered, was accepted, voting by Lodges—ayes 16, noes 8.

The following report was presented, approved and accepted, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the select committee appointed at the last Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, relative to the conduct of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, in the trial and expulsion of William Gillespie, once a member of said Lodge, after a careful examination of the report of said committee, and the evidence adduced against the said William Gillespie, on which his expulsion was predicated, and having heard his defense, they recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, That William Gillespie, who has been expelled from St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, be restored to all the privileges and benefits of Masonry.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary cause the foregoing resolution to be published in the Ohio Watchman and Columbus Gazette, with a request that the publication may be circulated as extensively as possible, for the information of the fraternity.

The committee also recommend to this Grand Lodge to adopt the report of the select committee in relation to the conduct of St. Johns' Lodge, in the trial and expulsion of the said William Gillespie. And it is the opinion of the committee that the Most Worshipful Grand Master do severely reprimand St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, for their unmasonic conduct, as a Lodge, in the suspension and expulsion of the said William Gillespie.

Jos. Vance,
N. Beasley,
C. Cavalier,
John Kerr,
W. Collett.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its Grand Officers for the ensuing year; and upon counting the votes the following brethren were declared duly elected, to-wit:

M. W. John Snow, Grand Master.
R. W. Phineas Ross, Deputy Grand Master.
W. Abram Irvin McDowell, Grand Senior Warden.
W. Joseph Vance, (Urbana,) Grand Junior Warden.
M. Rev. Thomas G. Jones, Grand Chaplain.
Rev. Joseph S. Hughes, Grand Orator.
Bro. Benjamin Gardiner, Grand Secretary.
" Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer.
" Horace Wolcott, Grand Steward.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed to examine and report what parts of the proceedings and documents of this Grand Lodge shall be published.

Whereupon Brothers A. I. McDowell, P. Sprague and W. M. Smith, were appointed.

The committee who were appointed to revise the By-Laws, reported a new code, which being read and discussed, on motion of Brother *D. F. Reeder*, seconded by Brother *W. M. Smith*—

Resolved, That the same be received and remain on file until the next annual Grand Communication, and that the Grand Secretary cause 150 copies of the same to be published, and distributed to the subordinate Lodges for examination.

On motion of Brother *Reeder*,

Resolved, That no Mason shall be permitted to visit this, or any subordinate Lodge, while he is under suspension in a Chapter of R. A. Masons.

On motion of Brother *Simons*,

Resolved, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any Subordinate Lodge legally authorized to work, may at all times take cognizance of charges and complaints preferred to said Lodge, against any Master Mason, although he may not be a member of said Lodge, and cause summons to issue and proceedings to be had thereon, in the same manner as said Lodge would be authorized to do if the person charged were actually a member thereof: *Provided*, nevertheless, that no charge can be acted upon in any Lodge, under the aforesaid circumstances, except in the Lodge situated nearest to the residence of the person charged.

The committee appointed to examine petitions for Dispensations and Charters, and also the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, having attended to those subjects, report, and recommend that Charters be granted to the following Lodges, to-wit:

Highland Lodge No. 38; Steubenville No. 45; Xenia No. 49; Columbia No. 44; Smithfield No.—

And that the following Lodges, working under Dispensations, be authorized so to continue their labors until the next session of this Grand Lodge, viz: West Union Lodge No. 43; Charity No. 53; and that letters of Dispensation be granted, establishing

Milford Lodge—in Milford, Hamilton county, on the petition of Silas Smith, William Williams, Zaccheus Biggs, and others. Also,

Eastern Star Lodge—at Franklin, Warren county, agreeably to the petition of Wm. C. Schenck, James W. Lanier, Garret A. Schenck, and others. Also,

New Philadelphia Lodge—at New Philadelphia, in Tuscarawas county, conformably to the petition of Wright Warner, James Clark, James Galbraith, and others. Also,

King Solomon's Lodge—at Elyria, in Huron county, agreeably to the petition of Heman Ely, Jabez Burrell, John Reading and others.

The committee are of opinion, that it is not expedient, at present, to grant the prayer of the petitioners from Chagrin nor Poland, requesting a dispensation.

The committee are also of opinion that the dispensation of Morning Star Lodge No. 27, at Springfield, ought to be withdrawn; and that the Lodge be no longer permitted to labor.

The report was considered and accepted.

The same committee also report that they have examined the By-Laws of Xenia Lodge No. 49, Scioto Lodge No. 6, and Columbia Lodge No. 44, and find the provisions and regulations, therein contained, are consistent with the principles of Masonry.

The committee also report, that, having examined the By-Laws accompanying the Smithfield application for a charter, they find the 8th section, which regulates their mode of balloting for candidates, *is contrary to the principles of Masonry*, as it requires two dissenting ballots for the rejection of a candidate, and when only one dissenting ballot appears, then the brother giving it is required to assign his reasons for so doing.

A. Buttles,
D. Turney,
L. Smith.

The foregoing report was accepted; and the regulation respecting balloting, as above stated, is deemed by this Grand Lodge to be highly improper, and unwarrantable.

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars be paid, out of the Grand Charity Fund, to Sarah Harrington, widow of late Brother S. Harrington, deceased.

Resolved, That Brother Charles Cavallier be authorized and requested to demand and receive the jewels, records, and all the property of Morning Star Lodge No. 27, and collect all the dues to said Lodge; and deliver the same to the Grand Treasurer, giving and taking receipts therefor.

Resolved, That Brother Uriah Farquhar be authorized and requested to demand and receive all the jewels, records, and all other papers and property of Aurora Lodge No. 52, at Wilmington, in Clinton county, and collect dues to said Lodge and hold them subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

On the representation of James How, of Aurora Lodge No. 52, charging Arnold Truesdell, master thereof, with gross unmasonic conduct:

Resolved, That Brothers Joshua Martin, of Xenia, Daniel F. Reeder, of Lebanon, and George Grove, of Dayton, be a committee to ascertain and report the facts and their opinion, relative to the above mentioned allegations, at the next Annual Communication.

Resolved, That Brookville Lodge No 41 [Indiana] be permitted to receive, from the Grand Secretary, an honorary certificate of their reputable standing under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That Brother Nathaniel Beasley be authorized and requested to demand and receive the jewels, records and all other papers and property of Ripley Lodge No. 47, and hold the same subject to the order of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master elect made the following appointments, to wit:

Arory Buttles, Grand Senior Deacon.
R. R. Chapman, Grand Junior Deacon.
Daniel F. Reeder, Grand Marshal.
Geo. W. Barrere, Grand Pursuivant.
Solomon Smith, Grand Sword Bearer.
Joel Buttles, Daniel Upson, William Little, Caleb Houston, } Stewards of the Grand Charity Fund.
Horace Wolcott, Grand Tyler.

The officers for the ensuing year were duly qualified and installed.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Brother CHESTER GRISWOLD, M. W. Past Grand Master, for the faithful, Masonic, and impartial manner in which he has presided over this Grand Lodge during the year past.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine and enroll the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and cause 150 copies of a summary thereof to be printed and duly distributed.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge closed in ample form, to meet again at this place, on the second Monday in December next.

JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master.*

Attest, BENJAMIN GARDINER, *Grand Secretary.*

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, with the names of their principal Officers, and the times and places of their Meetings, according to the last Returns.

No.	NAME, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.	MASTER.	WARDENS.	SECRETARY.
1	American Union, Marietta, Tues. prec'd full moon.	Anax'r Warner..	J. M. Booth ..... S. H. Gates.	John Cotton.
2	N. C. Harmony, Cincinnati, first Wed. each month.	E. P. Langdon...	David Jackson .. C. F. Kellogg.	Reuben Pugh.
3	Erie, Warren..... Wed. prec'd'g full moon.	A. Bentley	Horace Stevens.. John Gordan.	Edward Flint.
4	N. England, Worthington. Wed. prec'd'g full moon.	John Snow.....	Daniel Upson . .. Samuel Wilson.	Benj. Graves jr.
5	Amity, Zanesville	Solomon Purdy..	John Butler ..... David Hall.	John Lattimore.
6	Scioto, Chillicothe..... first Wed. each month.	W. Creighton jr.	Levin Belt ..... John Bailhache.	John Stewart.
7	Morning Dawn, Gallipolis. first Mon. each month.	Andrew Lewis...	Nathaniel Gates . P. H. Steinberger.	Reuben Reed.
8	Harmony, Urbana..... Wed. prec'd'g full moon.	John Hill.....	J. R. Hughes .... John Hamilton.	Samuel M'Cord.
9	Mt. Zion, Mt Vernon..... first Friday each month.	Joseph Brown...	Wm. Bevins..... John Moody.	Alex. Elliott.
10	Meridian Orb, Painesville.	Jedediah Hills...	W. B. Harmar... G. A. D. Streeter.	Storm Rosa.
11	Centre Star, Granville	Benjamin Smith.	Lucius Smith.... G. W. Case.	Samuel Moulton.
12	Unity, Ravenna..... (no return.)	.....	....	.....
13	St. Johns', Dayton..... Thurs. on or prec. full m.	B. R. Spinning ..	Moses Simpson.. Ezra S. Smith.	Fielding Gosney.
14	Franklin, Troy..... (no return.)	.....	....	.....
15	Concord, Cleveland..... Thurs. prec. full moon.	Wm. Coleman...	D. M. Gregg..... Asahel Abel.	W. Crawford.
16	Belmont. St. Clairsville... third Wed. each month.	Ezer Ellis	John M'Elroy ... Wilmeth Jones.	Robt. Robertson.
17	Washington, Hamilton ... first Mon each month.	Samuel Baylies..	Alex. Proudfit... Daniel Milliken.	Lewis West.
18	Hiram, Delaware.....	Jos. S. Hughes ..	Solomon Smith.. Wm. Walker.	Milo D. Pettibone.
19	Jerusalem, Hartford..... Thurs. prec. full moon.	S. G. Bushnel ...	Daniel Bushnel.. A. Bushnel.	Adam Wright.
20	Farmers', Belpre ..... (no return.)	.....	....	.....
21	Western Star, Canfield.... Thurs. prec. full moon.	John Northup...	Azor Ruggles.... Joseph Coit.	John H. Patch.
22	Rising Sun, Ashtabula....	G. Loveland.....	Philo Booth ..... David Warner.	William Foster.
23	Pickaway, Circleville ..... first Wed. each month.	Daniel Turney...	Erastus Webb ... And. Houston.	Joseph G. Noxon.
24	Army .... (no return.)	.....	....	.....
25	Paramuthia, Athens..... Wed. prec. full moon.	Joseph B. Miles..	Wm. W. Bierse.. Alvin Bingham.	Charles Shipman.
26	Lebanon, Lebanon	Thomas Corwin .	M. D. Lathrop... T. B. Van Horn.	Hiram Todd.
27	Morning Star, Springfield.	David Higgins...	Ira Paige..... Charles Cavallier.	.....
28	Temple, Harpersfield ..... (no return.)	.....	....	.....
29	Cler. Social, Williamsburg (no return.)	.....	....	.....
30	Ohio, Columbus..... Thur. on or prec. full m.	A. I. McDowell ..	Caleb Houston .. Joel Buttles	James Kooken.
31	Golden Rule, Fairfield .... Thurs. on or prec. full m.	Elisha Searle	Joseph Talman.. David A. Searle.	John Rush.

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued.

No.	NAME, PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.	MASTER.	WARDENS.	SECRETARY.
32	Friendship, Decatur ..... Wed. prec. full moon.	Robert Moun....	Robert Simpson . John Evans.	Asa Shaw.
33	Ebenezer, Wooster ..... Wed. prec. full moon.	Thomas G. Jones	Thomas M'Millen	.....
34	Middlebury, Middlebury.. (no return.)	.....	....	.....
35	Mansfield, Mansfield..... (no return.)	.....	....	.....
36	Portage, Deerfield.....	Lewis Ely	Alex. Hubbard .. Phileto Hillyer.	Ira Morse.
37	Mount Moriah, Waterford	Ebenezer Bowen.	Samuel Beach... Jeremiah Wilson.	Geo. N. Gilbert.
38	Highland, Hillsborough .. first Tues. each month.	Geo. W. Barrere.	Henry Davis .... Samuel Daniel.	.....
39	New Haven, New Haven.. Wed. prec. full moon.	Lemuel Powers..	James M'Intire .. Martin M. Kellog.	David Powers.
40	North'n Light, Waynesfield	Seneca Allen	Horatio Conant.. Sam N. Thurston.	Peter G. Oliver.
41	B. Harmony, Brookville .. Sat. prec. full moon.	David Oliver	Andrew Wallace. William C. Drew.	Wm. B. Laughlin.
42	West'n Phœnix, Parkman. Thurs. prec. full moon.	Charles C. Paine.	John W. Scott... S. H. Williams.	Barton F. Avery.
43	West Union, West Union.. Wed. succeeding full m.	John Kincaid....	John Fisher ..... G. R. Fitzgerald.	John Patterson.
44	Columbia, Harrison ..... Mon. prec. full moon.	Othniel Looker ..	James Hartpence Robert Merwin.	N. Crookshank.
45	Steubenville, Steubenville. Thurs. prec. full moon.	Peleg S. Mason..	Samuel Stokeley. Adam Wise.	Jas. Jenkinson.
46	Miami, Cincinnati..... 1st & 3d Tu. each month.	Davis Embree ...	Moses Brooks ... Alex. M'Grew.	Christopher Dart.
47	Ripley, (discontinued.)	.....	....	.....
48	Aurora, Portsmouth..... first Mon. each month.	Samuel Gunn ...	Thomas Walter.. George Clarke jr.	Marc. Bosworth.
49	Xenia, Xenia..... Sat. on, or prec. full m.	Wm. F. Elkin ...	Joshua Martin... Orlistus Roberts.	Abner Reed.
50	Science, Sandusky City... return after G. L. adj.	Hector Kilbourn.	S. B. Carpenter .. Henry Fuller.	Eleutheros Cook.
51	Monroe, Monroe, M. T. ...	Samuel Felt	Benjamin Davis. James Owens.	Isaac Lee.
52	Aurora, Wilmington..... (discontinued.)	.....	....	.....
53	Charity, Sunbury ..... Wed. prec. each full m.	R. R. Chapman..	Eleazer Copeland Jabez P. Manning.	Lawrence Myers.
54	Milford, Milford.....	Silas Smith.....	William Williams Zaccheus Biggs.	.....
55	Eastern Star, Franklin....	Wm. C. Schenck.	James W. Lanier. Gar. A. Schenck.	.....
56	King Solomon's, Elyria...	Heman Ely.....	Jabez Burrell.... John Reading.	.....
57	Lancaster, Lancaster	James Wilson ...	C. R. Sherman... J. D. Dietrick.	.....

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, on Monday December 11, A. D. 1820—A. L. 5820.

M. W. JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master.*

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their constitution, on Monday, December 11, A. L. 5820.

Grand officers present, to wit:

R. W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, Grand Senior Warden, as Grand Master.
W. DAVIS EMBREE, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
W. DANIEL F. REEDER, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
W. BENJAMIN GARDINER, Grand Secretary.
W. JACOB D. DIETRICK, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.*
W. JAMES WILSON, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. THORNLY L. WHITE, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM LONG, Grand Steward and Tyler, *pro tem.*

The roll being called, the constitutional number of subordinate Lodges was found to be present, whereupon the Grand Lodge was opened on the third degree of Masonry in due form, and the M. W. Grand Master pro tem. appointed the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Thornly L. White, James Kooken.
On Credentials—Brothers James Wilson, Daniel F. Reeder, Jacob D. Dietrick.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, December 14, 1820, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment. Present,

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Grand Master.
R. W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. R. R. CHAPMAN, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
W. BENJAMIN GARDINER, Grand Secretary.
W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.

W. Joseph S. Hughes, Grand Orator.
W. Daniel F. Reeder, Grand Marshal.
W. James Wilson, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. Thornly L. White Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. William Long, Grand Steward and Tyler *pro tem.*

The committee appointed on Credentials made the following report, to wit:

We, the committee appointed to examine the credentials of Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, beg leave to report the following Lodges to be duly represented, viz:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
1.	American Union	Anax'r Warner.
2.	Nova Cæsarea Harmony	Davis Embree.
4.	New England	John Snow.
5.	Amity	Dudley W. Rhodes.
6.	Scioto	John Bailhache.
7.	Morning Dawn	George House.
8.	Harmony	James Cooley.
9.	Mount Zion	Royal D. Simons.
10.	Meridian Orb	Elisha Whittlesey.
11.	Center Star	Benjamin Pratt.
12.	Unity	William Coleman.
14.	Franklin	Benj. Gardiner.
16.	Belmont	David Jennings.
17.	Washington	Joel Collins.
18.	Hiram	William Little.
21.	Western Star	Elisha Whittlesey.
22.	Rising Sun	Aaron Wheeler.
23.	Pickaway	John A. McDowell.
26.	Lebanon	Daniel F. Reeder.
28.	Temple	Samuel Wheeler.
29.	Clermont Social	Edward Sinks.
30.	Ohio	Abram Irvin McDowell.
31.	Golden Rule	Elisha Searl.
32.	Friendship	Nath'l Beasley.
33.	Ebenezer	Thos. McMillen.
34.	Middlebury	William Coleman.
35.	Mansfield	Royal D. Simons.
37.	Mt. Moriah	Sardine Stone.
38.	Highland	Richard Collins.
43.	West Union	Thornly L. White.
45.	Steubenville	James Kooken.
46.	Miami	Davis Embree.
48.	Aurora	Sam. S Wilkinson.
49.	Xenia	Thos. Constant.
50.	Science	Lyman Farnell.
54.	Milford	Zaccheus Biggs.
55.	Eastern Star	Thos. L. Payne.
57.	Lancaster	James Wilson.

Which being read, was accepted. The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers D. Embree, D. F. Reeder, Wm. Little, John Satterthwaite.

On Grievances—Brothers Abram I. McDowell, Jos. S. Hughes, Jas. Kooken.

On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers J. D. Dietrick, Dudley W. Rhodes, L. Goodale.

Brothers *Joshua Martin* and *Daniel F. Reeder*, a majority of the committee appointed at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, on the representation of James How, of Aurora Lodge No. 52, charging Arnold Truesdell, Master thereof, with gross unmasonic conduct, to ascertain and report the facts, and their opinion, relative to said allegations, reported specially, but in aggregate favorably to said Truesdell, respecting the charges preferred against him, which report was accepted, and ordered to be filed, etc.

On motion of Brother *D. Embree*,

Ordered, That the return of Washington Lodge No. 17, and all papers in possession of this Grand Lodge, relative to Willard M. Smith, an expelled Mason of said Lodge No. 17, be referred to the committee of Grievances.

Resolved, That the new code of By-Laws, which were reported at the last session of this Grand Lodge, and sundry resolutions of subordinate Lodges, relative to the same, be referred to Brothers Embree, Reeder and Kerr, to examine and report thereon.

On motion of Brother *Embree*,

Ordered. That the committee on petitions for dispensations and charters, do take into consideration and report on the petition of sundry Masons, for a Lodge in Smithfield, which appears to have been erroneously acted on at the last Annual Grand Communication.

On motion, voted, that the memorial of a committee of Western Star Lodge No. 21, asking charity for the widow and children of our late brother John H. Patch, deceased; and a memorial and letter from the officers of Meridian Orb Lodge No. 10, asking remission of their dues, be referred to Brothers John A. McDowell, Joseph S. Hughes and Jeremiah M'Lene.

The petition of William Holbrook and sundry accompanying documents from Lodges and brethren in Ashtabula county, being read, were referred to the committee of Grievances.

Brother N. Beasley made written report, that he had, agreeably to his instructions, received the records, tools, etc., of Ripley Lodge No. 47, and that said Lodge had ceased, etc., which report was accepted and ordered on file.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

TUESDAY, December 12, A. D. 1820.

The Grand Lodge met, agreeably to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary enter on the records an acknowledgment of this Grand Lodge of the receipt of the several communications from other Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That although every subordinate Lodge has the power to reject or admit applicants, to the several degrees of Masonry within their jurisdiction, yet from the ancient land marks and usages of Masonry, distinctly recognised by the existing constitution and regulations of the Order, it is clearly settled, that in the first degrees of Masonry, religious tenets shall not be a barrier to the admission or advancement of applicants--provided they profess a belief in *God and His Holy Word;* especially as during the imperfections of human nature, they are not expected to form their religious creeds perfectly similar, particularly in the non-essential doctrines of the Christian religion.

Resolved, That the change of officers which has been made by the members of West Union Lodge No. 43, be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

The petitions of brethren of Mantua and Shalersville, of Medina, of Salem, and letters of J. Brooks and others, praying for dispensations, charters, etc., were referred to the standing committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The memorial of Center Star Lodge No. 11, and charges against Ralph Granger, were referred to the M. W. Grand Master, Joseph S. Hughes and John Kerr, to investigate and report at next Grand Communication.

The following report of the committee of Grievances, was approved and accepted, to wit: That the memorial of Thomas Stephens, and the accompanying documents, be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Vermont, for their consideration and decision.

That the case of William Holbrook, and the difficulties existing between Temple Lodge No. 28, and Meridian Orb Lodge No. 10, be referred to

brothers George Tod of Erie Lodge No. 3, Joseph Badger and Quintus F. Atkins, of Rising Sun Lodge No. 22, who, after giving due notice to the parties concerned, shall be authorized to investigate the facts in those cases, and report the same, and their opinions thereon, to the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The said committee further reported on the memorial of sundry brethren of Mantua, in Portage county, that the sum of eight dollars be refunded to them, from the Grand Treasurer, through Brother E. Whittlesey, and that the Grand Secretary require Brother R. Kercheval (the former Grand Secretary) to account to this Grand Lodge for the same amount.

The same committee report respecting Willard M. Smith, who was expelled by Washington Lodge No. 17, and appealed to this Grand Lodge; that they have examined several documents and authentic statements, evincing that said Smith has made ample satisfaction to the brother on whom he committed an assault and battery (the crime for which he was expelled) and also in considerable degree to the Lodge of which he was a member; and also, that said Washington Lodge was probably not sufficiently deliberate in their decision, especially as a hearing was soon after applied for, and refused, and particularly, that the reconciliation and satisfaction aforesaid, have taken place since the appeal was preferred. Therefore the committee recommend the following resolution: That Brother Willard M. Smith, an expelled Mason from Washington Lodge No. 17, be restored to all the privileges and benefits of Masonry.

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Jones, widow of our late brother Timothy Jones, deceased, be referred to the committee on Charity, and that they report thereon.

The committee on Petitions for Dispensations and Charters report and recommend that charters be granted to the following Lodges, to wit: Lancaster Lodge No. 57, Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, Medina Lodge No. 28 Science Lodge No. 50, West Union Lodge No. 43 and Milford Lodge No. 54, and that letters of dispensation be granted, instituting Canton Lodge, in Stark county, on the petition of James Dunnan, Orrin Pitkin, James W. Lathrop and others—Bethel Lodge, on the petition of George A. Troutwine, Jonathan D Morris, John A. Smith and others.

Said committee also report, as their opinion, that the petitioners for a Lodge at Smithfield ought not to have a charter granted them.

Which reports being read were accepted.

And the said committee further reported, that in their opinion, they were not authorized to decide on the petition of Unity Lodge No. 12, to alter the place of holding their communications and meetings; which being duly considered by the Grand Lodge, it is ordered that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On the application and special representation of Meridian Orb Lodge No. 10,

Resolved, That they have three years from this time to pay their present dues to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That all Lodges, working heretofore under dispensations, and who have been allowed, at this session of the Grand Lodge, to receive charters, may be permitted

to continue their Masonic labors until they shall have received their charters and been duly installed.

The new code of By-Laws having been read, discussed and amended—

Ordered, That the same as amended, be engrossed, and be further examined and discussed at 12 o'clock to-morrow.

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge shall initiate any person who may reside in the neighborhood of another Lodge, unless the applicant shall procure a recommendation from the Lodge in whose vicinity he may reside.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

DECEMBER 13, 1820, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The committee on Charity reported as follows:

Resolved, That twenty-five dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, to Brother A. I. McDowell, for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother Minor Searls, deceased.

Resolved, That fifty dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, to brother E. Whittlesey, for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother John H. Patch, deceased.

Resolved, That twenty dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, to Brother Elijah Hatch, for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother Timothy Jones.

Which resolutions were severally adopted.

Resolved, That the dues of the several subordinate Lodges, for the year 1820, be returned to, and retained by them, as a charity fund, and appropriated to no other use; and the subordinate Lodges shall report to this Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Communication, a full account of the disbursements by them made, and the names of those relieved by their charity.

The new code of By-Laws, being read and amended, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary give to each Lodge which has reported to this Grand Communication, credit for their dues for the year 1820, and a certificate thereof, agreeably to the resolution of this day.

The memorial of Brother James Cooley in behalf of Mrs. Nancy Stout, being read, was referred to the committee on applications for charity.

Resolved, That the Secretary of American Union Lodge No. 1, or some other person that shall be appointed by the Master of said Lodge, be authorized and required to call on Ichabod Nye and his associates and demand of them all the funds, books, papers, jewels, and all other property in their hands, which appertain and of right belong to American Union Lodge No. 1.

The following report of the committee on applications for charity, is approved and adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Harmony Lodge No. 8, be authorized to pay to Brother James Cooley thirty dollars, out of the dues of said Lodge, to be by him applied to the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother Jonathan Stout, deceased.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, and the votes being received and counted, it appeared that the following brethren were duly elected, to-wit:

M. W. John Snow, Grand Master.
R. W. Elisha Whittlesey, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Benjamin Gardiner, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Anaxamander Warner, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Abram I. McDowell, Grand Secretary.
R. W. Daniel F. Reeder, Grand Marshal.
M. Rev. Philander Chase, Grand Chaplain.
W. Joseph S. Hughes, Grand Orator.
W. Jacob D. Deitrick, Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Thornly L. White, Grand Junior Deacon.
William Long, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Thursday, December 14th, 1820.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as yesterday.

On motion, the members of the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of a Grand Lecturer, and the votes being received and counted, M. W. John Snow was declared duly elected.

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the settlement of the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, be discharged from that duty, and that a committee to consist of three brethren be appointed to wait on the late Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and receive all the books, papers and property in their possession belonging to the Grand Lodge; and that the said committee be instructed, as soon after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge as is practicable, to audit and finally adjust the accounts of all the Secretaries and Treasurers for past years, and hand the same over to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer elect for the ensuing year.

Whereupon Brothers John A. McDowell, James Kooken and Henry Brown were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *A. Warner*,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to any member of Ohio Lodge No. 30, who may be authorized by said Lodge to receive the same, the sum of $20, to be applied to the payment of the rent of this house.

On motion,

Resolved, That Brother C. Griswold's note of $100, due this Grand Lodge, be remitted.

On motion,

Resolved, That 300 copies of the rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, and the resolutions for the government of subordinate Lodges, together with 150 copies of the summary of the proceedings of this Grand Communication, be printed immediately, and distributed to the Grand Officers, and Subordinate Lodges of this State, and to all other Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is in the habit of corresponding.

On motion of Brother *John A. McDowell*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer receive from the Grand Treasurer the sum of three dollars per day while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of his office, to be paid from time to time as he may exhibit his accounts to the Grand Treasurer.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer advance to Brother C. Griswold, by way of loan, the sum of twenty-four dollars.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Secretary be a committee to examine, enroll, and superintend the printing the proceedings of this Grand Communication, and to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expenses of the same.

A proof sheet from a plate engraved by Brother John C. Nutman, of Cincinnati, for diplomas, was presented to the Grand Lodge for inspection, and the designs approved.

On motion of Brother *John A. McDowell*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary examine the returns of the subordinate Lodges, and notify such as appear to have forfeited their Charters or Dispensations, from a non-compliance with the By-Laws, that they show cause at the next communication of the Grand Lodge, why they shall not be stricken from the list of Lodges.

On motion,

Resolved, That no refreshment hereafter be introduced into this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, to-wit:

Brothers JOSEPH S. BENHAM and WM. BURKE, of Cincinnati, PHINEAS ROSS, of Lebanon, and AUGUSTUS STONE, of Marietta, Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brother P. SPRAGUE, of Delaware, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brothers BENJAMIN SMITH, of Granville, and JOHN P. FESSENDON, of Chillicothe, Grand Pursuivants.

Brother WM. LONG, of Columbus, Grand Steward.

The Grand Officers elect present, were duly qualified and installed.

And there appearing no further business, the Grand Lodge closed in ample form.

JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master*

ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Ohio, do hereby make, ordain and promulgate the following, as the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of said Grand Lodge:

ARTICLE 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold their regular Grand Communication annually, in the town of Columbus, on the second Monday of December; and special meetings may be called as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct.

ART. 2. There shall not be any Grand Lodge opened, to work, unless there be present a representation from fifteen of the subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

ART. 3. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Masters and Wardens of the chartered Lodges within the jurisdiction of the same, or their regularly authorized proxies; a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tyler; all of whom shall be elected annually, and who, together with all Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters present, shall each be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, who shall be entitled to vote for Grand Officers only: *Provided, however*, That no one member, by virtue of such office or authority, shall have more than five votes in the Grand Lodge.

ART. 4. The title of the Grand Master shall be *Most Worshipful;* Deputy Grand Master, *Right Worshipful;* Past Grand Masters, *Right Worshipful;* Grand Chaplain, *Most Reverend;* and the following officers, whether past or in office, viz, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Orator, Grand Deacons and the Masters of Lodges, *Right Worshipful;* the title of the other Grand Officers shall be *Worshipful.*

ART. 5. The appointment of proxies, of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges, shall be in writing, certified under their official signatures, or certified by the Secretary of the Lodges, which shall entitle said proxy to three votes.

ART. 6. When the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are absent, the Grand Senior Warden presides; in his absence, the Grand Junior Warden; in the absence of these, the oldest Past Grand Master or Past Deputy Grand Master; and if no officer of that grade be present, a Past Master shall be elected to preside for the time being.

ART. 7. The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, or either of them, shall be vested, severally, with the power of granting Dispensations, and of suspending Lodges working under Dispensations, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, at their discretion, during the recess of the Grand Lodge; but no Dispensation shall be granted, in any case, unless at least one of the petitioners shall be a regular Past Master.

ART. 8. The duty of the Grand Lodge is to receive and determine appeals, redress grievances, and remove all complaints of the subordinate Lodges; to grant warrants, and authorize new Lodges to work; to reprehend and control improper conduct in any subordinate Lodge; and to require such reasonable fees, from subordinate Lodges, as will at all times discharge the engagements of said Grand Lodge, and to do and perform all such duties as properly appertain to a Grand Lodge.

ART. 9. No other than a Past Master shall be elected to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Wardens.

Art. 10. No elected Grand Officer shall act as such until he shall be duly installed. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master to appoint a Grand Steward, Grand Sword Bearer, and two Grand Pursuivants.

Art. 11. On the day appointed for the assembling of the Grand Lodge, a quorum being present, the Grand Lodge shall be opened, in ample form, and the proceedings of the last Grand Communication read; when the following committees shall be appointed, to consist, each, of three members, viz: a committee to examine the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies; a committee to examine Visiting Brethren; a committee to examine Accounts; and a committee to hear Grievances.

Art. 12. The Most Worshipful Grand Master is not authorized to make, or second, any motion; but on all questions where there shall be an equal division, he shall be entitled to a casting vote.

Art. 13. It shall be the duty of the presiding Grand Officer to subscribe, in the presence of the Grand Lodge, a fair and true transcript of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the close of each Communication.

Art. 14. Every subordinate Lodge which shall not be represented for two successive Grand Communications, or who shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years, shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Order until they shall comply with both the requisitions, and shall be stricken from the list of Lodges, and be duly notified thereof by the Grand Secretary for the time being.

Art. 15. No Warrant or Dispensation, for the institution of a new Lodge, shall be granted except upon the petition of eight Master Masons; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Lodge nearest to the place where the new Lodge is intended to be constituted, vouching for the moral characters and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Lodge, under whose authority they act, to grant the prayer.

Art. 16. No Lodge shall be permitted to work, by Dispensation, longer than until the next Grand Annual Communication succeeding the granting thereof; at which time a copy of the By-Laws and minutes of their proceedings, duly attested, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge for their inspection.

Art. 17. Every society of Masons, applying for a Dispensation, shall, before the same be granted, pay into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge forty dollars, to be appropriated as said Grand Lodge shall direct; and any dispensated Lodge, to which a Charter shall be granted, shall receive the same gratis. But if a Warrant should not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

Art. 18. There shall be a Charity Fund, under the direction, and subject to the control of the Grand Lodge, to be styled "The Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Ohio;" which shall be created by an appropriation of one half of the funds in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and increased annually by adding thereto one-half of all the moneys annually received by the Grand Lodge, and all donations made to the Grand Lodge not otherwise specially appropriated by the donors.

Art. 19. Five members of the Grand Lodge, one of whom shall be the M. W. Grand Master, and the other four to be appointed annually by the Grand Master, and said appointment agreed to by the Grand Lodge, shall be authorized and styled Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund—three of whom shall be a quorum.

Art. 20. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund to apply, with care and economy, such portion of said funds as they may deem proper for charitable purposes, and make report to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication, of the state of the fund, and of all their proceedings: *Provided*, however, that no single charitable appropriation shall exceed twenty dollars.

Art. 21. The Charity Fund created as aforesaid, shall remain in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, subject to the order of the trustees aforesaid.

Art. 22. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, who shall attend personally, or by proxy, at each Grand Communication, with all the books and papers of his office. He shall attest and affix the seal of the Grand Lodge to all instruments of writing necessary, by the nature of his office, to be executed. He shall be entitled to the following fees, to wit: Twelve and a half cents for every hundred words, which he necessarily writes, for the use of the Grand Lodge; and also three dollars for executing and sealing each Dispensation, and five dollars for each Charter, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge from the funds thereof; and twelve and a half cents for each hundred words, for copies of records or other instruments of writing, when required, to be paid by the party employing him.

Art. 23. The Grand Treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office,

give bonds, to such person or persons as the Grand Lodge shall direct, with sufficient security, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties, in double the sum actually in the Treasury at the time of his official investment. He shall account to the Grand Lodge for all moneys received by him, and, on the first day of each Annual Grand Communication, exhibit an accurate statement of his accounts to the Grand Lodge. He shall pay out no money without the order of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

Art. 24. The Grand Lodge shall elect by ballot, annually, a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to visit each subordinate Lodge within the State at least once in each vacation of the Grand Lodge; establish an uniform mode of work; inspect their By-Laws and records, Masonic qualifications and improvements; and make report in writing of his visits and inspections, to the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Communication; and for his said services he shall receive such sum or sums as the Grand Lodge may appropriate, to be paid out of the funds of the same.

Art. 25. The decisions of the Grand Lodge shall be the Supreme Masonic Law of the State, and subordinate Lodges shall be governed thereby.

Art. 26. All decisions by the Grand Lodge shall be made by a majority of the votes given, except in forming or altering the By Laws; and all elections for Grand Officers shall be by ballot; and where three or more brethren are balloted for, for the same office, and no one having a majority for two successive ballotings, the third balloting shall be confined to the same candidates, striking off the lowest in number, and so on, each successive ballot, until some one obtain a majority.

Art. 27. The Grand Lodge shall not have original jurisdiction in any case which can be justly decided by a subordinate Lodge.

Art. 28. No By-Law of the Grand Lodge shall be altered or done away, or any new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification or addition, as the case may be, shall have been presented in open Lodge and seconded, and remain one whole vacation, unless concurred in by all the members of the Grand Lodge who may be present: *Provided, however*, That such proposed alteration, amendment, or new code, may be further amended in such manner as, to the Grand Lodge, shall appear proper and expedient at the time, when the same shall be finally considered and passed.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE,

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

Resolved, That no Lodge, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, shall initiate Craft, or raise, unless a Past Master is present to preside.

Resolved, That all applications for initiation, or for membership, shall lay over at least from one regular meeting to another, unless three-fourths of the members present decide the application to be a case of emergency.

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge shall confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, on any person, for a less sum than fifteen dollars; and a unanimous vote shall be necessary to initiate or advance.

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge, at each Annual Communication, fifty cents for each initiation, and twenty-five cents for each member thereto belonging.

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge shall hereafter take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor.

Done in Grand Lodge, at Columbus, December, A. D. 1820 — A. L. 5820.

Abram I. McDowell, *Grand Sec'y.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Columbus, Monday, December 10, A. D. 1821—A. L. 5821.

M. W. JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master.*

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THE Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the second Monday of December, 1821.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Grand Master.
R. W. PHINEAS ROSS, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. JOHN COTTON, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
W. GEORGE WOLFLEY, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.*
W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, Grand Secretary.
W. GEORGE R. FITZGERALD, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. EDWARD SINKS, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM LONG, Grand Tyler.

The roll being called, and a constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being found present, THE GRAND LODGE was opened in ample form. Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials.—Bros. Hivling, Mix and Wolfley.
To receive Visitors.—Bros. Harris and Orr.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned to 5 o'clock P. M.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present—

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Grand Master.
R. W. BENJAMIN GARDINER, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. JOHN COTTON, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*

R. W. Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Abram I. McDowell, Grand Secretary.
R. W. Joel Buttles, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
R. W. Marcus Bosworth, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. William Long, Grand Tyler.

The committee on Credentials made report, that the following Lodges were represented, to wit:

No. 1.	American Union,	No. 19.	Jerusalem,	No. 39.	New Haven,
" 2.	N. C. Harmony,	" 21.	Western Star,	" 40.	Northern Light,
" 3.	Erie,	" 22.	Rising Sun,	" 42.	Western Phœnix,
" 4.	New England,	" 23.	Pickaway,	" 43.	West Union,
" 5.	Amity,	" 25.	Paramuthia,	" 45.	Steubenville,
" 6.	Scioto,	" 26	Lebanon,	" 46.	Miami.
" 8.	Harmony,	" 28.	Temple,	" 48.	Aurora,
" 9.	Mount Zion,	" 29.	Clermont Social,	" 49	Xenia,
" 10.	Meridian Orb,	" 30.	Ohio.	" 53.	Charity,
" 11.	Centre Star,	" 31.	Golden Rule,	" 54.	Milford,
" 12.	Unity,	" 32.	Friendship,	" 55.	Eastern Star,
" 13.	St. Johns',	" 33.	Ebenezer,	" 56.	King Solomon,
" 14.	Franklin,	" 34.	Middlebury,	" 57.	Lancaster,
" 16.	Belmont,	" 35.	Mansfield,	" 58.	Medina,
" 17.	Washington,	" 37.	Mount Moriah,	" 59.	New Philadelphia,
" 18.	Hiram,	" 38.	Highland,	" 61.	Bethel.

Ordered, That Brothers Samuel R. Miller, George Sanderson and Clayton Webb, be a committee of accounts.

Ordered, That Brothers Joseph S. Hughes, Calvin Conant and Robert Harper, be a committee to hear and report on grievances.

Ordered, That Brothers John A. McDowell, Phineas Ross and Daniel Upson, be a committee to receive and report on claims for charity.

Ordered, That Brothers George R. Fitzgerald, James Moore and Thomas Corwin be a committee on By-Laws, Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Joseph S. Hughes*,

Voted, That a committee be appointed to report on the unfinished business of the last Grand Communication.

Whereupon, Brothers Joseph S. Hughes, George Grove and Richard Armstrong were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lecturer's report was received and read; and on motion, it was

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to report on the same.

Whereupon, Brothers Hughes, Ross and J. A. McDowell were appointed.

The committee to whom were referred the memorial of Centre Star Lodge No. 11, and charges against Ralph Granger, made verbal report, that the difficulties existing were reported to them to have been amicably settled—whereupon said committee was discharged.

The committee to whom was referred the case of William Holbrook, at last Grand Communication, made written report, which is ordered to lie on the table till to-morrow.

On motion,

Voted, That the reports of charity disbursements, made out of the remissions of dues at last Grand Communication, be submitted to the committee on Credentials.

A memorial was handed in by Brother Sanderson, from Lancaster

Lodge, which, with accompanying documents, being read, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

A memorial was handed in by Brother Gault, from Centre Star Lodge, which being read, is laid over for further consideration.

On motion,

Voted, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of this Grand Lodge paying the expenses, or a certain part of the expenses, of one representative from each subordinate Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Cotton, Orr and A. I. McDowell were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Voted, That the report from American Union Lodge No. 1, be referred to a committee of three.

Whereupon, Brothers Goodale, H. Conant and A. I. McDowell were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 11, 1821.

The Grand Lodge met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The committee who were appointed to inquire into the expediency of allowing a certain compensation to one representative of each subordinate Lodge, made report:

"That they consider in highly inexpedient, at this time, to allow any expenses of representatives attending the meetings of the Grand Lodge."

On motion,

Voted. That Brother Henry Brown be allowed five dollars for his services in making a report of the accounts of all the former Grand Secretaries and Treasurers.

On motion,

Voted, That Brother John Snow's account of $7.86 be allowed.

On motion,

Voted, That Brother Abram Burk's account of $12.00, for making a table-desk for Grand Secretary, be allowed.

On motion,

Voted, That Brother D. F. Reeder's account, of $6.00, and Brother Joshua Martin's account of $6.00, be paid, for services rendered by them as a committee of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Bosworth*,

Resolved, That those Lodges that have heretofore received their charters on paper, shall, on application to the Grand Secretary, receive them on parchment, at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Voted, That the resolutions and protest sent up from N. C. Harmony Lodge and Miami Lodge, be referred to a committee of three.

Whereupon, Brothers Corwin, Fitzgerald and Cotton were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the best mode to be pursued in collecting the dues from Brothers R. Kercheval, D. Kinkead, H. M. Curry and Abram Gallop.

Whereupon, Brothers Solomon Smith, Thomas Orr and Nathaniel Harris were appointed said committee.

Brother *Joseph S. Hughes* presented the following preamble and resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS, It has heretofore been the practice of this Grand Lodge to allow the Grand Secretary, in addition to the fees allowed by the By-Laws, a salary, or such other extra compensation for his trouble and labor in corresponding, arranging and preserving the books and papers, superintending the printing and distributing the minutes, and preparing and forwarding the other documents, etc., ordered by the Grand Lodge: Therefore,

Resolved, That the present Grand Secretary receive the sum of fifty dollars for such and similar services during the past year.

Which was adopted by the Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the committee of Accounts as relates to the sums due from Brothers Curry, Kercheval, Gallop and Kinkead, reported as follows, to-wit:

That it does not appear to this committee that a demand has been made of those brothers for payment of the sums due from them to the Grand Lodge. Neither have the committee been able to learn satisfactorily the ability of those brothers to make payment. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution by the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed forthwith to demand of Brothers Hiram M. Curry, David Kinkaid, Abraham Gallop and Robert Kercheval, payment or settlement of the sums due severally from them to the Grand Lodge; and that, on refusal to pay, he take such measures for the collection or settlement of the same as he may deem most expedient, and that he report the result of his proceedings to our next Grand Communication.

Which, being discussed and considered, was adopted.

The committee on Grievances, in the case of Brother Philip M'Swegan, made the following report, to-wit:

That the correctness or incorrectness of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, in the expulsion of the said M'Swegan, rests, in the opinion of your committee, in proofs to be yet obtained, viz: Whether he had knowledge of his suspension from Vevay Lodge when he endeavored to gain admittance into Lancaster Lodge.

We therefore recommend to this Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary be directed to write to the Secretary of Vevay Lodge No. 7, in Indiana, for official proof of the said M'Swegan having been notified of his suspension, if such proofs exist, and that the further consideration of said appeal lay over to the next Grand Lodge.

Which report is accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the report of American Union Lodge No. 1, touching the conduct of Ichabod Nye and others, made the following report, to-wit:

That the said Ichabod Nye and his associates, are completely within the jurisdiction of American Union Lodge No. 1; and that, in their opinion, the Grand Lodge cannot take cognizance of the grievances complained of; for by the 27th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, it is provided that the Grand Lodge shall not have original jurisdiction in any case which can be justly decided by a subordinate Lodge.

Which report is, on motion, accepted.

Resolved, unanimously, That the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended, by striking out the word "December," in the third line of the first article, and inserting the word "January" in its place. This amendment to take effect after January next.

Resolved, That two thirds of all the members present shall be requisite in this Grand Lodge, and every Lodge subordinate thereto, to expel any member from the rights and privileges of our institution; but a majority shall be sufficient to inflict minor punishments. And that no expelled Mason shall be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry without an unanimous vote.

The committee appointed on the subject of By-Laws, Charters and Dispensations, report: That they have carefully inspected and diligently examined the transcripts of By-Laws and proceedings of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, making application for charters; and recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the following Lodges, which have for some time been working under Dispensations, are entitled to Charters, to-wit:

King Solomon's Lodge No. 56, Bethel No. 61, Ebenezer No. 62, Mt. Vernon No. 64, Charity No. 53, New Philadelphia No. 59, and Canton No. 60.

Which, being read, was accepted, and the resolution adopted.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of petitioning the Legislature of this State, the present session, praying that an act be passed incorporating this Grand Lodge; and if they consider it expedient, that they report a memorial accordingly.

Whereupon Brothers Joseph S. Hughes, John A. McDowell and Daniel Upson were appointed said committee.

A majority of the committee appointed to consider the proceedings of the Cincinnati Lodges, report, that they are of opinion those Lodges have not violated the ancient landmarks and usages of Masonry, in the resolutions they have adopted respecting delinquent Masons, but that those resolutions seem well adapted to the interests of the fraternity in that place.

Which report, being read and considered, was disagreed to, voting by Lodges—46 to 57.

An appeal brought up from Meridian Orb Lodge No. 10, by Noah D. Mattoon, a suspended brother, with the accompanying documents, was referred to the committee on Grievances, to report.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of petitioning the Legislature of this State for an act of incorporation, etc., reported a memorial, which was referred to a committee of three, to draft a bill and memorial to the Legislature.

Whereupon Brothers Collins, Corwin and Fitzgerald were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That Western Phœnix Lodge have permission to hold their regular communications alternately at Burton and Parkman.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Communication to examine the accounts of all the Grand Secretaries and Treasurers, made their report, which, being examined and accepted, was ordered to be filed.

The committee of Accounts made report that they had examined the Grand Secretary and Treasurer's accounts; that there have been no receipts or disbursements since the date of the last report to the commencement of the present Grand Communication. Which report is accepted.

On motion,

Voted, That this Grand Lodge go into the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

On motion,

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be authorized to receive the transfer of stock in the Franklin Bank of Columbus, tendered by Brother Benjamin Gardiner, late Grand Secretary, to be held by him for the use of the Grand Lodge, and that the amount of stock so transferred be credited to said Brother Gardiner

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be authorized to pay to the Treasurer of Ohio Lodge No. 30, the sum of $20, towards the rent for this Lodge room.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three Master Masons be appointed to proceed, as soon as practicable, to Granville; whom, or a majority of whom, shall be vested with full power to call before them Ralph Granger, and hear the testimony in the case wherein he has been charged by Centre Star Lodge, in that place, and make report thereon to the Grand Lodge at the next annual Communication. And that said committee have power, if they deem it necessary, to cite all or any of the parties concerned in this case to appear before the next annual communication, that the matter may be fairly heard and determined.

Whereupon Brothers C. Conant, S. S. Miles and Horatio Conant were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay to Brother Royal D. Simons the sum of twenty dollars out of the Grand Charity Fund, to be by him appropriated to the relief of the widow and orphans of our late Brother Nicholas C. Boalse.

The committee appointed on the 10th inst., to examine the report of the Grand Lecturer, report—That they have inspected said report, and find that said Lecturer proceeded, on the 7th of January last, to the duties assigned him by the Grand Lodge. It appears to the committee that the object of the Grand Lodge in appointing this officer, was two-fold. 1st. To produce an uniformity of work in the several subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; and 2dly. To reconcile all difficulties and animosities that might exist in the same. It appears, from the paper submitted to the consideration of this committee, that the said Grand Lecturer has embraced every opportunity that presented itself to the attainment of the first object. for which he is entitled to the thanks of this Lodge. It would, however, have been better had he appropriated a greater proportion of his time to the reconciliation of difficulties, and the correction of abuses where they appear to have been most prevalent. It further appears to your committee that the following Lodges have been very remiss in attending to Masonic duty, viz, Harmony, Franklin, Columbia, Golden Rule; and that the Master of Jerusalem Lodge, and the Treasurer of Ebenezer Lodge, treated the said Lecturer with contumely and contempt.

The Grand Lecturer has received the jewels belonging to Portage and Farmers' Lodges, which he has deposited in the hands of private individuals, and taken their receipts therefor. The report of the Grand Lecturer as to the deportment of Unity and Canton Lodges, is so uncertain that this committee are at a loss to determine what course should be adopted by this Grand Lodge as to them. There are several other

Lodges, that the said Lecturer has been unable to visit, in consequence of indisposition; of those this committee can say nothing. The committee are happy in informing the Grand Lodge that the report of the Grand Lecturer is highly honorable to the other Lodges.

It is evident that many, if not all the Lodges, are too much in the practice of indulging in excessive and sumptuous refreshments, thereby in a great degree impairing their ability to perform those charitable acts which ever have been regarded as the fundamental and primary principles of our Masonic superstructure. From a view of the whole report, the committee are induced to recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Harmony, Franklin, Columbia and Golden Rule Lodges, be cited to appear, by their proper officers, before the Grand Lodge at its next annual Communication, and show cause why their respective Charters should not be declared forfeited

2. *Resolved*. That the Master of Jerusalem Lodge and the Treasurer of Ebenezer Lodge be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge, at its next annual session and show cause why they should not be dealt with for their contumacious and unmasonic conduct toward the Grand Lecturer, when in the discharge of his duties as such.

3. *Resolved*, That some suitable person or persons be appointed to receive the jewels and effects of Portage and Franklin Lodges on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and dispose of them in such manner as shall be most conducive to the interest of the fraternity.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge do recommend to the subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction the discontinuance of refreshments.

Which report and resolutions, being heard and maturely considered by the Grand Lodge, were adopted.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, December 12, 1821.

Grand Lodge met—present as on yesterday.

The committee to whom were referred the reports of the different subordinate Lodges, respecting the disbursement of the dues remitted last Grand Communication, made report, which is adopted and placed on file.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election for Grand Officers for the year ensuing, agreeably to previous notice, and the votes, being received and counted, the following brethren were declared duly elected.

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Grand Master.
R. W. ELISHA WHITLESEY, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN COTTON, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. THOMAS B. VANHORN, Grand Junior Warden.
W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
W. A. I. MCDOWELL, Grand Secretary.
W. DANIEL F. REEDER, Grand Marshal.
W. JOSEPH S. HUGHES, Grand Chaplain.
W. THOMAS CORWIN, Grand Orator.
W. TIMOTHY BAKER, Grand Senior Deacon.
W. SOLOMON SMITH, Grand Junior Deacon.
W. WILLIAM LONG, Grand Tyler.

Resolved, unanimously, That the 24th Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be amended by inserting the words "unless otherwise directed," after Grand Lodge, in the fourth line: and the Grand Lecturer is hereby instructed to visit none except the five Lodges omitted in his last tour.

The Grand Lodge then went into the election of a Grand Lecturer, for the year ensuing; and the votes being counted, Brother JOHN SNOW was declared duly elected.

On motion of Brother *George R. Fitzgerald*, seconded by Brother *Joseph S. Hughes*,

Resolved, That the twenty-fourth article of the By-Laws be and is hereby repealed.

Which is laid over until the next Grand Lodge.

The Treasurer of Ebenezer Lodge having appeared and shown cause—

Voted, That he be excused for the alleged contempt offered the Grand Lecturer, while in discharge of his duties as such.

The Trustees of the grand charity fund made their report, which being heard is accepted and ordered to be filed.

The following resolution was offered by Brother *John Cotton*, to wit:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every subordinate Lodge to require of every candidate for the mysteries of Masonry, previously to his being admitted thereto, an explicit declaration of his belief in the existence and perfections of the Deity, and in the truth and certainty of the Holy Scriptures.

Which resolution is postponed until the next Grand Communication.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Brother Joseph S. Hughes, be a committee to inspect, enroll and superintend the printing of the proceedings of this Grand Communication, and be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expenses of the same; and that one hundred and fifty copies of the summary of the proceedings be printed and distributed to the grand officers and subordinate Lodges in this state, and to the Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is in the habit of corresponding.

Resolved, That Middlebury Lodge No. 34, be permitted to hold their communications at any convenient place within three miles of the village of Middlebury.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge pay to the Treasurer of Scioto Lodge No. 6, the sum of fifty dollars, for the relief of the widow and orphans of our late brother, Thomas Steele, late of Chillicothe, and that Scioto Lodge report the expenditure of the said sum to the Grand Lodge, at their next Grand Communication.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be authorized to pay George Mix the sum of twenty dollars, to be by him appropriated in discharge of the expenses of the illness and burial of Valentine De Pretro, a traveling brother, who lately died at Lebanon.

On motion,

Voted, That the Grand Tyler and Steward's account, amounting to $12.87½, be paid.

The committee of Grievances made the following report, to wit:

In the case of Noah D. Mattoon, on the judgment of suspension passed against him, by Meridian Orb Lodge No. 10, on carefully examining the documents, they are of opinion that the good of Masonry requires that a full investigation of the case should be made at said Lodge. Therefore recommend the following resolution for adoption, to wit:

Resolved, That Brother Thomas Card, of Chagrin, William W. Reed, of Ashtabula, and Charles C. Payne, of Parkman, be appointed a committee, any two of whom shall be authorized to act, to attend as soon as practicable, at the hall of said Lodge, and that they be invested with full power to call the parties and hear the testimony in the case, both of Noah D. Mattoon, and also of Francis Huntington, who was charged with said Mattoon, whose case appears to have been neglected by said Lodge; and report at the next Grand Communication.

Which, being heard, was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, to wit:

Brothers SOLOMON SMITH, of Delaware, JER. M'LENE, JOEL BUTTLES and BENJ. GARDINER, of Columbus, Stewards of Grand Charity Fund.

Brother NATHANIEL HARRIS, of Athens, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brothers R. R. CHAPMAN and WM. W. REED, Grand Pursuivants.

Brother WILLIAM LONG, Grand Steward.

On motion,

Voted, That a committee be appointed to investigate the accounts of Jerusalem Lodge No. 19, with the Grand Lodge, and report to next Grand Communication.

Whereupon Brother E. Whittlesey was appointed said committee.

Ordered, That Brother John Cotton be appointed to receive and dispose of the jewels, etc., of Farmers' Lodge; and Brother William Coleman be appointed to receive and dispose of the jewels of Portage Lodge, at Atwater, and account to this Grand Lodge for the same.

The Grand Officers present, who were elected for the ensuing year, were duly installed into their respective offices.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until the next regular grand annual communication, viz: the second Monday of January, 1823; and was closed in ample form.

JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master.*

Attest,

A. I. MCDOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

NOTE.

The Grand Lodge having closed on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1821, and adjourned its Grand Communication to Monday, January 13, 1823, there was consequently *no communication of the Grand Lodge in the year* 1822.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in the town of Columbus, on the second Monday [13th day] of January, A. D. 1823—A. L. 5823.

M. W. John Snow, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Lodge of Ohio assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1823—A. L. 5823.

Grand Officers present—

M. W. John Snow, Grand Master.
R. W. Elisha Whittlesey, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Calvin Washburn, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. Rufus Ferris, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
W. John Satterthwaite, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.*
W. Abram I. McDowell, Grand Secretary.
W. William Coleman, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. James Gates, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
Brother William Long, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge opened on the third degree, in ample form; and Rev. Brother *James McAboy* addressed the Throne of Grace in a suitable prayer.

The M. W. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials.—Brothers Wm. A. Whittlesey, John Butler and James W. Lathrop.
To Examine Visitors.—Brothers John Warner, John Hivling and Thomas Orr.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as in the morning, except Brother Charles R. Sherman, as Grand Senior Warden, and Brother Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer.

The committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges to be duly represented, namely:

No. 1. American Union,
" 2. Nova C. Harmony,
" 3. Erie,
" 4. New England,
" 5. Amity,
" 6. Scioto,
" 7. Morning Dawn,
" 8. Harmony,
" 9. Mt. Zion,
" 10. Meridian Orb,
" 11. Centre Star,
" 12. Unity,
" 13. St. Johns',
" 14. Franklin,
" 15. Concord,
" 16. Belmont,
" 17. Washington,
" 18. Hiram,
No. 19. Jerusalem,
" 21. Western Star,
" 22. Rising Sun,
" 23. Pickaway,
" 25. Paramuthia,
" 26. Lebanon,
" 28. Temple,
" 29. Clermont Social,
" 30. Ohio,
" 31. Golden Rule,
" 33. Ebenezer,
" 34. Middlebury,
" 38. Highland,
" 39. New Haven,
" 40. Northern Light,
" 42. Western Phœnix,
" 43. West Union,
" 44. Columbia,
No. 45. Steubenville,
" 46. Miami,
" 48. Aurora,
" 49. Xenia,
" 50. Science,
" 53. Charity,
" 54. Milford,
" 55. Eastern Star,
" 56. King Solomon,
" 57. Lancaster,
" 58 Medina,
" 59. New Philadelphia,
" 60. Canton,
" 61. Bethel,
" 62. Evergreen,
" 64. Mount Vernon.

The constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the GRAND LODGE was declared duly organized for the dispatch of business.

The M. W. Grand Master was thereupon pleased to appoint the following committees, namely:

On Accounts.—Brothers Israel Town, Thomas Orr, John T. Jones.

On Grievances.—Brothers Charles R. Sherman, Edward King, Joseph S. Hughes.

On Charity.—Brothers Calvin Washburn, Elisha Whittlesey, Henry Sage.

On By-Laws, Charters and Dispsnsations.—Brothers Chester Griswold, Samuel R. Miller, Horatio Conant.

An appeal from Hiram Lodge No. 18, by Royal N. Powers, with accompanying documents, were referred to a special committee, composed of Brothers Horatio Conant, John Satterthwaite and Edward King.

The preamble and resolution of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, on the subject of Brookville Harmony Lodge No. 41, was laid before the Grand Lodge, which being read, was referred to a select committee consisting of Brothers McAboy, Benedict and King.

An appeal from and charges against Paramuthia Lodge, by Brother John Porter, were laid before the Grand Lodge, and referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion,

Voted, That Brothers John M. Goodenow, Elisha Whittlesey, Charles R. Sherman, Thomas Corwin and Calvin Washburn, be a committee to take into consideration and report upon the proceedings of a meeting of Masons, held in the city of Washington, on the 9th of March, A. D. 1822, recommending the establishment of a *General Grand Lodge of the United States.*

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers John M. Goodenow, Joshua R. Giddings and John Satterthwaite, a committee to report on the unfinished business of last annual grand communication.

On motion,

Voted, That the sum of $33.67 be entered to the credit of Jerusalem Lodge No. 19, agreeably to the report of the committee appointed herein at the last grand communication.

The committee on the communication from the Grand Lodge of Indiana made report:

That the said communication supplies them with none of the data necessary, on which to determine whether the Lodge received its charter *before* or *since* the formation of said Grand Lodge; and that they can obtain no evidence, at present, as to the time when said Grand Lodge was constituted. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the M. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana shall forward vouchers that Brookville Harmony Lodge was chartered after the constituting of said Grand Lodge, then this Grand Lodge will deliberately consider the propriety of returning the dues demanded.

Which report was approved, and the resolution adopted.

The appeal taken by Brother E. Hoover, from Erie Lodge No. 3, with accompanying documents, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Sherman, Hughes and Corwin a committee on the resolution submitted, at the last grand communication, by Brother John Cotton.

On the appeal of Philip M'Swegan, the M. W. Grand Master appointed a committee, consisting of Brothers Searle, Reed and Butler.

And thereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1823.

The Grand Lodge met. Present, same as on yesterday.

On motion,

Voted, That so much of the unfinished business of the last grand communication, as relates to the Lodges ordered to be cited to appear [at this communication] and show cause why their Charters should not be declared forfeited, be referred to a committee of three.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Hughes, Bacon and Hivling said committee.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers King, Sage, E. Whittlesey, and Goodenow, a committee on applications for Loans, etc.

The report of the Grand Lecturer was presented, read, and ordered to be placed on file.

The committee on Accounts submitted their report; which, being inspected, is approved, and ordered to be placed on file.

The committee on By-Laws, Dispensations and Charters, made report:

That they have examined the Dispensation, By-Laws, and minutes of proceedings of Guernsey Lodge, of St. Jerome's Lodge, and of Lisbon Lodge, and find them correct. They recommend that Charters be granted said Lodges.

That Hudson Lodge has forwarded its Dispensation and minutes of its proceedings, requesting a Charter; but inasmuch as the By-Laws of said Lodge have not been forwarded, your committee recommend that the Dispensation be continued until the next grand communication.

That the By-Laws and proceedings of Newark Lodge, and of Oxford Lodge, have

been forwarded, and a Charter requested; but as their Dispensations have not been forwarded, your committee recommend that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to grant a continuance of said Dispensations until the next grand communication, when the same shall be forwarded to him.

Which report being heard, was accepted.

Whereupon, on motion of Brother *King*,

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Hudson Lodge, when the By-Laws of the same shall be forwarded to the Grand Master, and be by him approved.

On motion of Brother *Sherman*,

Voted, That a Charter be granted to Oxford Lodge.

On motion of Brother *King*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report on the practicability of obtaining a site for the building of a Masonic Hall, and the expense of erecting said Hall, at Columbus.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Edward King, Chas. R. Sherman and L. Goodale said committee.

Brother *Sherman* offered the following resolutions, which, being considered, were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to procure 50 blank Charters, on parchment, to be granted by this Grand Lodge to subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding $100 be appropriated for the purchase of said blank Charters, to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, upon the order of the M. W. Grand Master.

The committee on Grievances, in the case of John Porter, appealed from the decision of Paramuthia Lodge, by which he was suspended for the term of six months, made report:

That inasmuch as said Lodge has furnished no official testimony in support of said decision; and inasmuch as it appears to your committee that the allegation itself, even if substantiated, does not involve criminality sufficient to warrant the censure imposed by said Lodge, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That said John Porter be restored to the privileges of the Masonic order, and to membership in said Lodge.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to go to Paramuthia Lodge, investigate its conduct and proceedings in said case, and report to the Grand Lodge at its next grand communication.

Which report being heard, is accepted, and the resolutions adopted. Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Wm. A. Whittlesey, John Cotton and Ezra Osborn said committee.

Brother *Royal D. Simons*, to whom an appropriation of $20 was made at the last Grand Communication for the relief of the widow of Brother N. C. Boalse, deceased, reported that he had expended $1.75, and returned the balance to the Grand Lodge. Which report and money were accepted, and the conduct of Brother Simons approved.

On motion of Brother *Orr*,

Resolved, That the Grand Steward be authorized to furnish one hundred plain aprons for the use of the Grand Lodge, and have the same marked in durable ink G. L. of O., and numbered from 1 to 100; and that the Grand Treasurer pay the amount out of any moneys in his hands.

The committee appointed on applications for loans, etc., made report:

That in the opinion of the Committee, private loans should not be made out of the funds of the Grand Lodge. They are of the opinion that the surplus funds should be placed in some public stock, so as to afford convertibility and profit, and at the same time security. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Which report was approved, and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Brother *Wm. A. Whittlesey*,

Voted, That the following entry be made on the journal of the present grand communication:

It appears by the present returns of American Union Lodge No. 1, that the return of Brothers Timothy Buell, Darius Hartshorn, James M'Colloch, Abel Prescott, Aaron Lyon, and D. H. Burt as *suspended* members, originated in mistake—that they are still in good standing as Masons—having only forfeited their membership in said Lodge.

On motion,

Voted, That the committee appointed at the last grand communication to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for an act of incorporation of this Grand Lodge, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report rules for the government of this Grand Lodge, and of Subordinate Lodges, in the trial of all matters of appeal and grievances.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers E. Whittlesey, King, Goodenow, Sherman and Lathrop said committee.

The committee appointed by the resolution of the last grand communication relative to Harmony, Columbia and Golden Rule Lodges, made report:

That from evidence adduced, they are disposed to recommend the continuation of the charter to *Franklin Lodge*, another year, with the hope that order has, at last, in part, been brought out of confusion, and that they will go on to perfection.

The committee have also had under consideration the Masonic character and conduct of Harmony and Golden Rule Lodges, and find that although disorder and abuses have existed therein, that a degree of reformation appears to have taken place; and the committee have received many assurances that with them, *reform* is the order of the day It is therefore recommended that the charter to each of the last named Lodges be continued at least another year, with the express injunction that said Lodges be more circumspect and watchful in their Masonic conduct and transactions; and that they report progress at the next grand communication.

The committee having new evidence in the case of Columbia Lodge, ask that the consideration in this case be postponed until the next grand communication.

Which report was accepted.

The committee appointed to take into consideration and report on the proceedings of a meeting of Masons held in the City of Washington, on the 9th of March, 1822, recommending the establishment of a *General Grand Lodge of the United States*, made a report, which being duly considered, is approved and adopted, as follows, viz:

The select committee to whom was referred the communication from the committee of "A meeting of a number of members of the Society of Free Masons, from various parts of the United States, composed of Members of Congress and strangers, assem-

bled at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, March 9th, 1822, recommending the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States," and also, communications on the same subject from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Indiana, ask leave very respectfully to report:

That they have bestowed upon the communications and the subject matter committed to them, every attention that their limited time and range of inquiry would allow, and now submit the following as a synopsis of their views on the subject: The proposition to establish a *General Grand Lodge* of the United States, seems to embrace three objects, which are specified in the communication from the aforesaid general committee, 1. A grand supervising and visitorial power over all the Grand Lodges of the United States. 2. Uniformity among the craft in the manner of work. 3. The suppression of spurious books and writings. Although to a superficial view the first of these objects seems to present a key-stone to an edifice apparently yet unfinished, yet your committee believe that a clear and ample examination of the situation and standing of the Grand Lodges throughout the United States will satisfy every Mason whose eye is single to the ancient landmarks and the purity of Masonry, that there is *no key-stone wanting*—that the building is complete. "In the opinion of your committee, the exercise of a jurisdiction so extensive and so particular as that proposed, comprehending not only the most important concerns, but the most minute affairs of subordinate Lodges, would be attended with innumerable delays, difficulties and embarrassments, and would produce the greatest confusion and disorder throughout the whole fraternity."

The second and third objects proposed to be attained by the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, are in the estimation of your committee "devoutly to be wished," and with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania they most cordially agree "that an occasional convocation of delegates from the different Grand Lodges would have a salutary tendency, and would furnish a remedy for many of the evils delineated in the communication referred to them" from Washington. "The deliberations of such an august and venerable body, consulting upon the great interests of the Order, and dependent upon the good sense and judgment of the craft for the fulfillment of its wishes, would be received with enthusiasm, and its recommendations performed with alacrity.

But inasmuch as it is yet unknown and uncertain whether the other Grand Lodges in the United States, or any of them, will concur with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in sending delegates to the proposed convocation, your committee cannot at this time recommend any definite measure upon these important points. One other object seems to have been an inducement with the general committee in recommending the establishment of a General Grand Lodge; that is "to acquire in a correspondence with foreign nations, an elevated stand for the Masonry of this country." Your committee have yet to learn that the craft in the United States have ever labored under the want of character or respectable standing in the eye of true and ancient Masonry. While the old enduring landmarks of our Order are preserved, and our social intercourse with the universal Brotherhood is governed by the level and the square, we cannot believe that the character and standing of the Masons in the *West* will be less elevated than the name of our country. Towards every innovation, we shall ever march with reluctance, and say at all times with heart-felt devotion, *we are unwilling to change.* Your committee recommend, therefore, the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge concurs with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in their sentiment, as expressed in the report of their committee of the 3d of June, A. D. 1822, on the subject of establishing a "General Grand Lodge of the United States."

2. *Resolved*, That the establishment of a General Grand Lodge of the United States, is at this time inexpedient.

3. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, Brother John Snow, be, and he is hereby appointed a delegate to represent this Grand Lodge in a General Convocation of the Grand Lodges of the United States, or two-thirds thereof, for the purpose of establishing an uniformity of work, and recommending such measures for the good of the craft as they may deem expedient: *Provided*, a sufficient notice of the time and place of the meeting of said convocation shall have been by him received,

before the next grand communication of this Grand Lodge; and in case of the inability of said M. W. Grand Master to attend said Convocation, and represent this Grand Lodge therein as aforesaid, it shall be his duty to appoint some suitable person, as his proxy, to do the same.

4. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the city of Philadelphia is a suitable place for holding said general convocation.

5. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge approves of the time suggested in the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, namely, the 24th of June, 1823.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit copies of the foregoing report and these resolutions to the different Grand Lodges throughout the United States, and one copy to William W. Seaton, Esq., at the city of Washington, agreeably to the request contained in the communication from the said general committee.

John M. Goodenow,
Elisha Whittlesey,
Charles R. Sherman,
Thomas Corwin,
Calvin Washburn.

Brother *E. King* offered the following resolutions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That Brother John Snow be authorized to purchase a set of gilt jewels and appropriate collars for the sole use of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars be appropriated out of the funds of the Grand Lodge for the purchase of the same.

Which resolutions, being duly considered, were adopted.

Brother *Gates* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no Mason under the degree of Master, is entitled to a vote in a subordinate Lodge.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the resolution offered at the last grand communication, by Brother *John Cotton*, relative to requiring of candidates for the mysteries of Masonry an explicit declaration of belief in the existence and perfections of Deity, and in the truth and certainty of the Holy Scriptures, recommended the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the principles embraced in said resolution have been sufficiently settled, established and set forth, in a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its annual communication in the year 1820, and recorded in the minutes of that year, page 6; and that it is deemed unnecessary to make any further expression on the subject.

Which resolution was, on motion, adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Philip M'Swegan, made report:

That from the vouchers and communications received from Vevay Lodge No. 7, in the State of Indiana, since the last regular communication of this Grand Lodge, they find that said Philip M'Swegan had received due notice of his suspension from the rights and benefits of Masonry, by said Vevay Lodge No. 7. They therefore offer the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the sentence of expulsion of *Philip M'Swegan*, from all the rights and benefits of Free Masonry, made by Lancaster Lodge No. 57, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

The committee on Dispensations, By-Laws, etc., further reported:

That they have had under consideration the petition of a number of brethren of New Richmond, praying for a dispensation; and inasmuch as the petition is not accompa-

nied by a recommendation from the Lodge nearest to the place where the Lodge is proposed to be constituted, as required by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, your committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted; and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Which report was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That charters be granted to Guernsey Lodge, St. Jerome's Lodge, and Lisbon Lodge, agreeably to the report of the committee on By-Laws, Charters and Dispensations.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of E. Hoover, from the action of Erie Lodge No. 3, made report:

That they have had the record of proceedings of said Erie Lodge under consideration, together with the accompanying documents; and are of opinion that the proceedings and judgment of said Erie Lodge are correct. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the decision of Erie Lodge No. 3, on the complaint of Brother E. Hoover, against Brother G. Tod, appealed to the Grand Lodge, be confirmed, and that said Brother G. Tod be acquitted of the matters of complaint contained in the charge of Brother E. Hoover.

Which report was accepted, and the consideration of the resolution postponed until the next grand communication.

On motion,

Resolved, That New Philadelphia Lodge No. 59, be credited on the books of the Grand Lodge with eight dollars, received by B. Gardiner, as Grand Secretary, April 28, 1820, for letters of dispensation granted to said Lodge—said sum not having been heretofore credited.

An appeal from Morning Dawn Lodge, together with the accompanying documents, were, on motion, referred to Brothers McAboy, Butler and Wm. A. Whittlesey.

Scioto Lodge No. 6, made report of the expenditure of the $50 appropriated at the last grand communication, for the relief of the widow of our late Brother Steele; which is accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will go into the election of its officers for the ensuing year this evening at 6 o'clock.

And thereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned till 6 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1823—6 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and went into the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. And the votes being received and counted, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Worthington, Grand Master.
R. W. THOMAS CORWIN, Lebanon, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. SAMUEL ROCKWELL MILLER, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. SAMUEL WHEELER, Geauga county, Grand Junior Warden.

W. Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
W. Abram Irvin McDowell, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
W. and Rev. Roger Searle, Medina county, Grand Chaplain.
W. Edward King, Chillicothe, Grand Orator.
W. James Gates, Chillicothe, Grand Senior Deacon.
W. John T. Jones, Cincinnati, Grand Junior Deacon.

Having completed the elections, the Grand Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 15, 1823.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The committee appointed to report rules for the government of the Grand Lodge and of subordinate Lodges, on the trial of appeals and grievances, reported the following:

1. No Lodge shall proceed to suspend or expel a brother unless a charge shall have been previously preferred in writing, (when the nature of the charge will admit of it,) and a copy thereof served on the brother implicated, at least ten days previous to the trial, with notice of the time and place of trial, provided the accused brother shall have a known place of residence within twenty miles of the place of holding the Lodge, and shall not evade the service of the notice.

2. It shall be the duty of the Lodge to hear any evidence relevant to the charge or defense, and the same commit to writing, when it shall be heard in open Lodge; or evidence may be taken out of the Lodge, before any person authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths to witnesses, notice having been given to the adverse party, so as to allow one day to every twenty miles travel from the place of taking such testimony. And a notice left with the Secretary of the Lodge, shall be sufficient to authorize the taking of testimony on the part of the accused, provided such testimony does not disclose any of the secrets of the craft.

3. If the person charged shall think himself aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge, he may appeal to the Grand Lodge at any time within one year after the decision shall have been pronounced; and on making application to the Secretary of the Lodge for a copy of the proceedings, it shall be his duty to forward the same to the next grand communication, with the whole testimony, when the same shall have been committed to writing.

4. When an appeal shall have been entered in the Grand Lodge, the same may be decided in open Lodge, or referred to a committee, as may be deemed most expedient; and in either case the Lodge, or the person charged, shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, the same being taken with notice as aforesaid.

5. In all cases where a brother charged shall abscond, proceedings may be had in his absence, without the notice required as aforesaid.

Which report was read, and agreed to by the Grand Lodge.

The committee on claims for Charity, made the following report:

That, having attended to the applications of Brother Sherburn, Brother Fish, the widow Jones, and the widow Duffield, and made diligent inquiries into their several situations, offer for consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Brother Fish fifty dollars; to Brother Sherburn twenty dollars; to Brother Noble fifteen dollars, for the use of widow Duffield; and to Brother Hatch fifteen dollars, for the use of widow Jones.

Which resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Accounts reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That $4 be paid to Brother H. Conant, for services rendered as one of the committee in the case of Ralph Granger. That $2.06 be paid to Brother Snow, for

postages paid by him. That $14.06 be paid to Brother Long, Steward and Tyler, for services rendered and sundries furnished the Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That the present Grand Secretary receive the sum of fifty dollars, in addition to the fees allowed by the By-Laws, for his trouble and labor in corresponding, and in arranging and preserving the books, papers, etc.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Treasurer of Ohio Lodge No. 30, the sum of $20, towards the rent of this room.

On motion,

Voted, That the committee to whom was referred the case of Doct. *Royal N. Powers* on appeal from the sentence of expulsion passed on him by Hiram Lodge No. 18, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be taken into consideration by the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, on motion of Brother *Collins*,

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the decision of Hiram Lodge No. 18, in expelling Royal N. Powers, was correct, so far as testimony was before them; but that from additional testimony received by this Grand Lodge, the said Royal N. Powers is exculpated from the charge exhibited against him in Hiram Lodge, from which he was expelled. It is therefore

Resolved, That the decision of said Lodge be reversed, and the said Powers be restored to the benefits of Masonry; and that this decision be published in the Columbus Gazette, and in the paper published at Delaware, three weeks successively.

On motion,

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother Hovey be postponed until the next grand communication, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The committee to whom was referred a resolution of the Grand Lodge directing an inquiry into the practicability of obtaining a site for building a *Masonic Hall*, and the expense of erecting said Hall, at Columbus, made report:

That they have had said resolution under consideration, and have made every inquiry that the shortness of the time allowed them, and their necessary attention to other duties would admit, respecting the practicability of obtaining a site suitable for erecting a Masonic Hall at Columbus. They are of opinion that, with proper exertions, a grant may be obtained from the Legislature of Ohio, permitting the Grand Lodge to erect a Hall upon some part of the public square, in the town of Columbus. Your committee have not been able to ascertain, with any certainty, the expense of erecting a suitable Hall in Columbus; but it is believed that the Grand Chapter will cheerfully join in the expense of erecting a proper edifice, provided a suitable site (as is believed by your committee) can be obtained; and that the funds of the Grand Lodge are more than sufficient to justify it in taking such measures as may be necessary to procure for itself a Hall, proper for meetings and deliberation. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of three Master Masons be appointed, whose duty it shall be to endeavor to procure from the Legislature a suitable site upon the public square, in Columbus, for the erection of a Masonic Hall.

Resolved, That said committee be instructed to confer with the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and with Ohio Lodge No. 30, upon the foregoing resolution, and upon the propriety of erecting a suitable building in Columbus for the use of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure a plan of a suitable Masonic Hall, and ascertain the expense of erecting such Hall, and report the same to the next grand communication.

Which report and resolutions being considered, were adopted. Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Henry

Brown, Richard Collins and John A. McDowell, a committee on the first resolution; and Brothers John Snow, John Kerr and Lincoln Goodale, were chosen by the Grand Lodge a committee on the second [third] resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That Brother *John Cotton* be allowed until next grand communication to report with regard to the disposal or returning of the jewels of Farmers' Lodge.

Brother *Coleman* reported that he had in his possession the jewels and furniture of Portage Lodge undisposed of, which are of small value. Which report was accepted.

Brother *Looker* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That in all cases where sentence of suspension or expulsion shall be pronounced by a subordinate Lodge, against any member thereof, who shall in due time give notice of appeal, it shall be the duty of such Lodge to suspend publication of such sentence for the term of one year, or until the appeal may have been tried by the Grand Lodge.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Brother *Goodenow*, and after consideration, were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, according to the lights of ancient Masonry, every Masonic body ought to have the power of determining who shall compose its own members, for the better maintenance of harmony and good order therein: Therefore,

Resolved, That whenever this Grand Lodge shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a subordinate Lodge expelling a brother, and shall restore such brother to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not, nevertheless, be thereby restored to membership within the body from which he has so been expelled, without their consent.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, viz:

Brothers JOSEPH S. HUGHES, Delaware, JEREMIAH M'LENE, Columbus, JOEL BUTTLES, Columbus, CHAS. R. SHERMAN, Lancaster, Trustees of Grand Charity Fund.

Brother HENRY SAGE, Circleville, Grand Sword Bearer.

" JOHN HIVLING and T. W. CANFIELD, Grand Pursuivants.

" WILLIAM LONG, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The resolution offered at the last grand communication by Brother *George R. Fitzgerald*, to repeal the 24th Article of the By-Laws, was taken under consideration and disagreed to—voting by Lodges, 35 to 34.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election of *Grand Lecturer* for the ensuing year; and the votes being counted, Brother JOHN SNOW was declared duly elected.

On motion,

Voted, That the Grand Lecturer be excused from visiting the subordinate Lodges for the ensuing year.

Brother *Goodenow* offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be divided into nine visitorial districts, and that the districts be bounded and numbered as the nine judicial districts of the State are bounded and numbered, and that there be a Deputy Grand Lecturer appointed by the Grand Lecturer in each of said districts, whose duty it shall be to visit each of the Lodges in his said district, whenever requested by them so to do; and that each Lodge pay the said Deputy Grand Lecturer, when so requested, the sum of two dollars per day while attending said Lodge, and two dollars for each 30 miles travel.

Resolved, That the Deputy Grand Lecturers to be appointed by virtue of the foregoing resolution, shall forward to the Grand Lecturer, on or before the day of meeting of the

Grand Lodge in each year, a just and particular account of their proceedings, and the state and situation of each subordinate Lodge within their district.

On motion,

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Brother Joseph S. Hughes, be a committee to inspect, enroll and superintend the printing of the proceedings of this grand communication, and be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expense of the same; and that three hundred copies of the proceedings be printed and distributed to the Grand Officers and subordinate Lodges of the State, and the different Grand Lodges of the United States and the Canadas.

The Grand Officers elect were duly qualified and installed into their respective offices.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until the second Monday in January, 1824, and closed in ample form.

JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master.*

Teste:

ABRAM IRVIN MCDOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Columbus, on Monday, January 12, A. D. 1824—A. L. 5824.

M. W. CHARLES R. SHERMAN, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* BRO. EZRA GRISWOLD, Delaware]

THE Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the second Monday in January, A. D. 1824, A. L. 5824.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Grand Master.
R. W. SAMUEL R. MILLER, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W JOHN T. JONES, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
R W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, Grand Secretary.
R. W. WILLIAM FIELDING, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
R W. IRA METCALF, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
R. W. JOHN WARNER, Grand Marshal.
R. W. WILLIAM LONG, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge opened in ample form, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Fielding, Cotton and Kesling.
To Examine Visitors.—Brothers Warner and Curtis.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge adjourned to two o'clock, P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.

The committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges duly represented:

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
1.	American Union	John Cotton.
2.	N. C. Harmony	Sam'l R. Miller.
3.	Erie	Cyrus Bosworth.
4.	New England	D. Upson, Ira Metcalf.
5.	Amity	Joshua Downer.
6.	Scioto	Edw. King, Tho. Orr.
7.	Morning Dawn	George House.
8.	Harmony	Geo. Fithian.
9.	Mount Zion	H. Curtis, Jos. Brown.
11.	Center Star	J. T. Clapp.
13.	St Johns'	Henry Bacon.
15.	Concord	William Coleman.
16.	Belmont	David Jennings.
17.	Washington	David Higgins.
18.	Hiram	E. Griswold, C. Howard.
19.	Jerusalem	Cyrus Bosworth.
21.	Western Star	Cyrus Bosworth.
23.	Pickaway	H. Sage, W. B. Thrall.
25.	Paramuthia	C. Morris.
26.	Lebanon	George Kesling.
28.	Temple	Samuel Wheeler.
29.	Clermont Social	Owen T. Fishback.
30.	Ohio	J. Buttles, J. Warner, H. Brown.
31.	Golden Rule	William Fielding.
33.	Ebenezer	Thos. McMillen.
35.	Mansfield	James Hedges.
37.	Mt. Moriah	James McAboy.
38.	Highland	Richard Collins.
40.	Northern Light	Eleutheros Cooke.
43.	West Union	John Patterson.
44.	Columbia	John T. Jones.
45.	Steubenville	John M. Goodenow.
46.	Miami	J. T. Jones, Jos. S. Benham.
49.	Xenia	Wm. Ellsberry.
50.	Science	Eleutheros Cooke.
53.	Charity	Ebenezer Copeland.
54.	Milford	William Williams.
55.	Eastern Star	William Fielding.
57.	Lancaster	Gotleib Steinman.
58.	Medina	James Moore.
59.	New Philadelphia	T. Whitaker.
60.	Canton	J. M. Goodenow, T. Whipple.
63.	Evergreen	Samuel Wheeler.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Harvey G. Moore.
65.	New Lisbon	J. M. Goodenow, E. Potter.
66.	Guernsey	Zach. A. Beatty.
68.	Hudson	William Coleman.
70.	Meridian Sun	Under Dispensation.
71.	Harrison	" "
72.	Chester	" "

Which forming a quorum, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to declare the GRAND LODGE duly opened for the despatch of business.

Our Rev. Brother James McAboy then addressed the Throne of Grace in a suitable prayer.

Whereupon, the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts.—Brothers Orr, Downer and Warner.
On Grievances.—Brothers Cotton, Griswold and Kesling.
On Charters and Dispensations.—Brothers Benham, Wheeler and Coleman.
On Charity.—Brothers Goodenow, Moore and Miller.
On Unfinished Business.—Brothers Curtis, Elsberry and Upson.

A memorial from Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, setting forth that there was a mistake in the number of their charter, and praying that the same be corrected, was handed in by Brother Bosworth, and was, on motion, referred to a select committee composed of Brothers King, Goodale and Thrall.

A communication from Brother *C. Cavalier*, a member of Morning Star Lodge No. 27, was read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

A memorial from Washington Lodge No. 17, was presented by Brother *Higgins*, which was taken up, read, and on motion, referred to a select committee composed of Brothers King, Bacon and Collins.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, praying for an amendment in the charter of said Lodge, an error having occurred through mistake, report that they find the prayer of the petitioners reasonable and just, and that the same ought to be granted.

Which report was accepted.

Whereupon it was, on motion, voted by the Grand Lodge, that the number of Mt. Zion Lodge be altered from 7 to 9.

A petition from *Solomon Brown*, formerly a member of Rising Sun

Lodge No. 22, with accompanying documents, was read and referred to the committee of Grievances.

A communication from the committee of Correspondence, appointed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, calling the attention of the different Grand Lodges of the United States again to the subject of establishing a General Grand Lodge in the United States, was taken up and read, and, on motion, referred to a committee of five.

Whereupon, Brothers Benham, Cotton, Bacon, Collins and Miller were appointed said commitee.

The Grand Lodge adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, Jan. 13, 1824,

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The committee on Accounts made the following report, which was accepted, by the Grand Lodge, to wit:

That, having examined the Grand Treasurer's books, they find them, as well as the Grand Secretary's, to have been correctly kept, and properly vouched for.

We find that at the last session of the Grand Lodge, there remained in the Treasury the sum of	$635.43.0
Since which time, there has been paid in	505.65.0
Making in all, the sum of	$1141.08 0
And since that time, there has been paid out, the sum of	382.68.5
Leaving a balance in the Treasury, in cash, of	$758.39.5
Stock in the bank of Chillicothe	600.00.0
Do. in the bank of Columbus	550.00.0
Making in all, the sum of	$1908.39.5

All which is respectfully submitted.

[*Signed by the Committee.*]

Which report was accepted.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge go into the election of its officers, this evening, at 7 o'clock.

An appeal from Ziu Case, from Paramuthia Lodge, was read and referred to the committee on Grievances.

An appeal of Solomon Rodgers, from Miami Lodge No. 46, was taken up and read, and it appearing to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge that notice had not been given said Miami Lodge No. 46, by said Rodgers, of his appeal, it was

Resolved, That he have leave to withdraw the same.

A communication from Brothers Bernard Levi and William Stephenson, members of Miami Lodge No. 46, protesting against certain proceedings of said Lodge, was taken up and read, (notice of said protest to the said Miami Lodge being waived by Brother John T. Jones, representative,) and the several points in said communication fully discussed, it was, on motion,

Resolved unanimously, That the proceedings had by said Miami Lodge, on the application of Wm. W. Austin, for initiation, as represented to this Grand Lodge, have been strictly correct, and meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Grievances, made report on the communication of Brother Cavalier, as follows, viz:

It appears to your committee, from the communication of Brother Cavalier, that he was duly authorized, by this Grand Lodge, to receive all the property belonging to the said Morning Star Lodge; that, in pursuance of his authority, he made application to Brother James Page, late Treasurer of said Lodge, for funds in his hands formerly belonging to said Lodge; but that the said Page has withheld said funds, and refuses to deliver them to Brother Cavalier; and that the said Page has since removed to the State of Indiana, beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

It further appears, that several Masons, now resident at or near Springfield, who are in arrears to said discontinued Lodge, have also refused to pay over such arrearages to Brother Cavalier. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Brother Cavalier be authorized by this Grand Lodge, to communicate to the Lodge in Indiana, in the vicinity of the residence of said Page, the facts relative to the conduct of said Page, with the best evidence that can be procured, and request such Lodge to take such steps relative thereto, as the circumstances of the case and the principles of Masonry may require.

2. That Brother Cavalier be likewise authorized to demand of all Masons, formerly members of said Morning Star Lodge, all arrearages due said Lodge; and, on their refusal, to enter a complaint against all such delinquents to the Lodge in the immediate vicinity of which they may reside, in order that said delinquents may be properly dealt with.

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and the resolutions agreed to.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee in the case of John Porter, (appealed from Paramuthia Lodge,) have until the next regular grand communication to report.

Resolved, That Friendship Lodge No. 32, be stricken from the list of subordinate Lodges of Ohio, and that Brother John Patterson be authorized to receive the jewels, implements and funds of said Lodge, and make report to this Grand Lodge at the next regular communication.

Resolved, That the return of the proceedings of St. Jerome Lodge, at Chagrin, Cuyahoga county, be referred to a select committee of three.

Brothers Downer, Coleman and Metcalf, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Brother *Curtis*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the situation of Columbia Lodge No. 44, respecting their dues to this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Curtis, House and Thrall, were appointed that committee.

A memorial from Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, was, on motion, taken up, read and referred to a select committee of three.

Brothers Bacon, Morse and Dunn, were appointed said committee.

The committee to whom was referred the returns of St. Jerome's Lodge, reported the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the dues of St. Jerome's Lodge for the year 1823, to the Grand Lodge, be remitted.

Which resolution was, on motion, agreed to.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of Columbia Lodge No. 44, reported the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform said Lodge that there is a

balance of seven dollars due the Grand Lodge for their charter, and that it is highly necessary that the same should be discharged without delay.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the several subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be directed to give in their next annual returns, a statement as near as may be, of the number of Masons within the jurisdiction of their respective Lodges, who are not members of any regular Lodge.

A communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana, was taken up, read and referred to Brothers King, Curtis and Upson.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Brothers Waters and Ellis, reported the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three Master Masons be appointed to visit Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, and examine what proceedings were had upon the charges exhibited in said Lodge by Brothers Waters and Ellis, against Brother Hankins, and the charges exhibited by said Hankins against said Waters and Ellis, and make report to the next Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Richard Collins, John T. Jones and Samuel R. Miller, were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the committee heretofore appointed on the case of Noah B. Mattoon, be discharged from any further consideration thereof.

Resolved, That the case of Noah B. Mattoon be referred to a committee of three.

When Brothers Collins, Bacon and Fishback, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Brother *Harper*,

Resolved, That the appeal in the case of Brother Tod, which was reported as a part of the unfinished business, be taken up, and the further consideration thereof be laid over until this evening.

A memorial from Concord Lodge No. 15, was taken up, read and referred to Brothers Bosworth, Goodale and Coleman.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, January 13, 1824—7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

Brother *Cotton*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, in the case of Ziu Case's appeal from Paramuthia Lodge, to wit:

It appears to your committee, from a statement of the Secretary of Paramuthia Lodge No. 35, that the said Case was accused of intemperance and other gross immoral and unmasonic conduct, *too infamous to be named;* that he was cited to appear before said Lodge at their next communication, and duly served with a copy of the charges preferred against him; but that said Case did not appear as required.

It further appears, that the charges alleged against said Case, were fully proved by reputable witnesses, to the satisfaction of the Lodge; and that said Case was legally expelled from the rights and privileges of masonry, there being but one dissenting vote.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the expulsion of the said Ziu Case from all the rights and benefits of masonry, made by Paramuthia Lodge No. 35, be, and the same is hereby confirmed.

Which report was, on motion, accepted, and the resolution agreed to.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge went into an election of its Grand Officers for the year ensuing; and the votes being received and counted, the following Brethren were declared elected.

M. W. Charles R. Sherman, Grand Master.
R. W. Henry Bacon, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. Samuel Rockwell Miller, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. Samuel Wheeler, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Abram Irvin McDowell, Grand Secretary.
R. W. Pardon Sprague, Grand Marshal.
M. R. James McAboy, Grand Chaplain.
R. W. Eleutheros Cooke, Grand Orator.
R. W. John T. Jones, Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. Thomas Orr, Grand Junior Deacon.
W. William Long, Grand Steward and Tyler.
W. William Fielding, Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow.

Wednesday, January 14th, 1824.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer be excused from visiting the subordinate Lodges for the year ensuing.

The committee upon Charters and Dispensations, recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, By the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, that a dispensation be granted to Walter B. Bebee and his associates, to hold a Lodge at Cadiz, by the name of Harrison Lodge, agreeably to the prayer of the petitioners.

Resolved further, That a charter be granted to Meridian Sun Lodge, held at Richfield, in the county of Medina.

Which resolutions were agreed to.

On motion of Brother *McAboy*,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, feeling the highest respect for their Most Worshipful Grand Master, now retiring from the discharge of those arduous duties, which, as the head of this Grand Lodge, have, for years past, devolved on him, which he has ever discharged with that zeal and dignity that became his high station—therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to him.

On motion of Brother *Upson*,

Resolved, That Brothers John Snow, A. I. McDowell and E. Griswold, be a committee to inspect, enroll, and superintend the printing of the proceedings of this grand communication, and be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the expenses of the same; and, that three hundred copies be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

The Grand officers elect were duly qualified and installed in ancient form.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions and address of a committee of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, inviting the

renewed attention of the respective Grand Lodges of the United States to the subject of a *General Grand Lodge*, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio disapproves of the object of said resolutions and address.

Which resolution was agreed to; voting by Lodges—yeas 50, nays 40.

The committee on the communication from Washington Lodge No. 17, made report, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, for the Grand Lodge to take up for consideration the memorial of Washington Lodge No. 17.

Which was agreed to.

The committee on applications for charity, etc., respectfully report, that from information which has been communicated to them, they believe our worthy Brother, Rev. Roger Searle, is now confined by sickness in the neighborhood of this place, and so far destitute of pecuniary resources as to need the assistance of this Grand Lodge; your committee therefore ask leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be directed to pay to the order of Brother Roger Searle the sum of fifty dollars to relieve him from his present embarrassment.

Which was agreed to.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the unfinished business of the last annual grand communication as relates to the claim of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, on account of sundry dues and charges received by this Grand Lodge from Brookville Harmony Lodge No. 41, beg leave to report, that it appears to your committee, from the documents exhibited, and the books of this Grand Lodge, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana was organized on the 12th day of January, A. L. 5818.

That this Grand Lodge have in fact received from said Brookville Harmony Lodge the following sums, subsequently to the organization of the said Grand Lodge of Indiana, to wit:

December 16, 1818—dues	$45 66½
" " " for charter	30 00
December, 1819—dues	20 50
Amounting to the sum of	$96 16½

There is, however, no evidence that has come to the knowledge of your committee which should induce a belief that the said Brookville Harmony Lodge had at any time previously to the receipt, by this Grand Lodge, of the above sums, yielded or acknowledged subordination to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana; nor have your committee any evidence that the said Brookville Harmony Lodge was recognized as a constituent branch or member of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana until since the above amount had accrued and been paid to this Grand Lodge. On the contrary, it appears to your committee that during the period in which the said sums of money are stated in the books of this Grand Lodge to have accrued, the said Brookville Harmony Lodge was under due subordination and protection of this Grand Lodge, and, as such, was duly represented in its several grand communications held in August, A. L. 5817; December, A. L. 5818; and December, A. L. 5819.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge there exists no sufficient reason why the said sum of money claimed, or any part thereof, should be remitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.

H. Curtis,
D. Upson.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Concord Lodge No. 15, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and from which, and other satisfac-

tory information, it appears that said Lodge has made a donation of $29.00 to the widow Gregg, who had a just claim on Masonic charity; they would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in consideration of the above donation, $20.00 be remitted of the dues in arrears from Concord Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

Which was agreed to.

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to Brother Simeon De Witt Drown, and his associates, to hold a Lodge at Chester, in the county of Meigs.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the unfinished business as relates to the appeal of Brother E. Hoover, from Erie Lodge No. 3, be referred to a select committee.

Whereupon, Brothers Cotton, House and Bacon were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Higgins*,

Resolved, That a committee of three brethren be appointed to wait on our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, *John Snow*, and respectfully solicit a copy of his address, delivered before the Grand Lodge at this session, and that the same be printed.

Whereupon, Brothers Higgins, Cotton and Goodenow were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, January 15, 1824.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

On motion of Brother *Miller*,

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund be directed to examine the situation of said fund and report to this Grand Lodge at the next grand communication, the amount in the treasury of this Grand Lodge at the grand communication in December, 1820; the amount of moneys annually received by the Grand Lodge since that period, and the amount of said fund which has been drawn from the Grand Treasurer by the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund to be applied for charitable purposes.

Resolved, That Brother John Snow, late Grand Lecturer, be paid the sum of three dollars per day for every day he may have been employed in lecturing the Deputy Grand Lecturers since the last session of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay Brother Snow the amount when he presents his bill for said services.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the Treasurer of Ohio Lodge No. 30, the sum of twenty dollars towards the rent of this Lodge room.

Resolved, That Brother John Snow be a committee to receive from the Grand Treasurer, and pay over to Brother Roger Searle, the amount appropriated by the Grand Lodge for his relief.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, by the consent of the Grand Lodge, was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Brothers JOHN COTTON, SAMUEL WHEELER, SAMUEL R. MILLER, JOEL BUTTLES, Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund.

Brother HENRY SAGE, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brothers J. HIVLING, T. W. CANFIELD, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion,

Resolved, That so much of the unfinished business as relates to the committee appointed to procure a site for a Masonic Hall, be postponed until the next session.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Hoover, reported and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to, to wit:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, That the decision of Erie Lodge No. 3, on the complaint of Brother Hoover, against Brother Tod, and appealed to this Grand Lodge, so far as relates to the acquittal of Brother Tod from the charges preferred against him, be approved—and,

Resolved, further, That the decision of said Lodge, in pronouncing the conduct of Brother Tod strictly Masonic, be disapproved.

Resolved, That the sentence of Rising Sun Lodge No. 22, in the expulsion of Solomon Brown from the privileges and benefits of Masonry, from which an appeal was taken to this Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

On motion of Brother *Orr*,

Ordered, That Brother Long, Grand Tyler, be paid $15.00, being the amount of his bill for the present session.

Brother *John Cotton* gave notice that he would move, at the next regular grand communication, to strike out from the tenth line, in the twenty-second article of the By-Laws, the word "three," and insert "one;"—also, to strike out from the eleventh line the word "five," and insert the word "one" in lieu thereof.

On motion of Brother *Orr*,

Resolved, That the bill of Brother John T. Jones, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, for services rendered at this grand communication, he allowed, amounting to twenty-five dollars.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until the second Monday of January, 1825, and closed in harmony.

HENRY BACON, *Deputy Grand Master.*

Attest:

ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

NAMES AND RESIDENCE

OF THE

DEPUTY GRAND LECTURERS,

APPOINTED BY THE

GRAND LECTURER FOR THE YEAR 1824.

1st Dist. W. Stephen Fales, Dayton.
2d " " G. R. Fitzgerald, Chillicothe.
3d " " Samuel Wheeler, Madison.
4th " " Henry B. Curtis, Mt. Vernon.
5th " " J. M. Goodenow, Steubenville.
6th " " Ira Metcalf, Worthington.
7th " " Wm. Elsberry, Xenia.
8th " " Wm. A. Whittlesey, Marietta.
9th " " John T. Jones, Cincinnati.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

At Columbus, on Monday, January 10, A. D. 1825—A. L. 5825.

M. W. WILLIAM W. IRVIN, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother EZRA GRISWOLD, Delaware.]

THE Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF OHIO assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the second Monday in January, A. L. 5825.

Grand officers present:

M. W. CHARLES R. SHERMAN, Grand Master.
R. W. HENRY BACON, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. SAMUEL R. MILLER, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. GEORGE R. FITZGERALD, Grand Junior Warden.
W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, Grand Secretary.
W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN T. JONES, Grand Senior Deacon.
W. WILLIAM B THRALL, Grand Junior Deacon.
W. WILLIAM LONG, Grand Steward and Tyler.

A constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being present, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

Whereupon, the Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Jones, Curtis and Sage.
To Examine Visiting Brethren—Brothers Baker, Turney and Greene.

The committee appointed on Credentials, reported the following Lodges as duly represented, to wit:

No. 1. American Union.
2. N. C. Harmony.
3. Erie.
4. New England.
5. Amity.
6. Scioto.
7. Morning Dawn.
8. Harmony.
9. Mt. Zion.
10. Meridian Orb.

No. 11. Centre Star.
13. St. Johns'.
14. Franklin.
15. Concord.
16 Belmont.
17. Washington.
18. Hiram.
19. Jerusalem.
21. Western Star.
22. Rising Sun.

No. 23. Pickaway.
25. Paramuthia.
26. Lebanon.
28. Temple.
29. Clermont.
30. Ohio.
31. Golden Rule.
33. Ebenezer.
34. Middlebury.
35. Mansfield.

No. 37. Mt. Moriah.
38. Highland.
40. Northern Light.
43. West Union.
44. Columbia.
45. Steubenville.
46. Miami.
48. Aurora.
49. Xenia.

No. 50. Science.
53. Charity.
54. Milford.
55. Eastern Star.
56. King Solomon.
57. Lancaster.
58. Medina.
59. New Philadelphia.
60. Canton.

No. 61. Bethel.
62. St. Jerome.
64. Mt. Vernon.
65. Lisbon.
66. Guernsey.
67. Oxford.
68. Hudson.
69. Meridian Sun.
72. Georgetown.

The trustees of the Grand Charity Fund made the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be charged to the Grand Charity Fund, to wit:

The Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, made 15th January last, directing them to examine the situation of said fund, and report to this grand communication, the amount in the Treasury in December, 1820, the amount of moneys annually received by the Grand Lodge since that period, and the amount of said fund which has been drawn from the Grand Treasurer, by the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, to be applied for charitable purposes, submit the following, as the result of the examination they have made in pursuance of said resolution:

Amount of cash in the Treasury, Dec., 1820		$1135.46
Amount received by the Grand Lodge in 1821		584.80
" " " 1822		269.60
" " " 1823		467 00
" " " 1824		456.22
" " " 1824		116.07
		$3029.15
Half this sum constitutes the Grand Charity Fund, amounting to		1514.57
Amount drawn from the Grand Treasury, by the Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund, from December 1820 to January 1825	140.00	
Amount paid by the Grand Treasurer, on the order of the Grand Lodge, from December 1820 to January 1825, for charitable purposes	359.00	
		449.00
Leaving a balance, unappropriated, of		$1065.57

The petition of Walter B. Beebe and others was taken up, read, and referred to Brothers Turney, King and Noble to report thereon.

The Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Beatty, Spangler and Curtis.
On Applications for Charity—Brothers Cotton, Webb and Norton.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Fitzgerald, Fales and Baker.
On Grievances—Brothers King, Corwin and Hubbard.

A petition for a Lodge at Germantown was handed in by Brother Fales, and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Ordered, That Brothers Greene, Satterthwaite and Collier be appointed a committee on unfinished business.

A petition from Milford Lodge for the remission of dues, was read and laid on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts of Belmont Lodge with the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Corwin, Sage and Goodale were appointed said committee.

Brother *Miller* gave notice that he would offer a resolution to remit the dues of subordinate Lodges for the past year.

Brother *Patterson*, appointed at the last Grand Lodge, to receive the jewels and funds of Friendship Lodge No. 32, this day made report, which was read and referred to Brothers Fitzgerald, Patterson and Curtis.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee appointed at the last grand communication to visit Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, and examine what proceedings had been had in said Lodge, by Brothers Waters and Ellis, against Brother Hankins, etc., have until the next grand communication to report.

Brother *Corwin* offered the following resolution, which was disagreed to:

Resolved, That Eastern Star Lodge No. 55 be authorized to hold its regular meetings alternately at the town of Franklin, in Warren county, and Miamisburgh, in Montgomery county.

A communication from Brother Willard M. Smith was read, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances.

A petition from Agreen Ingraham, and others, praying for a dispensation, was read, and, on motion, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

A petition from James Galbraith, for a Lodge at Paintville, was preferred by Brother Lathrop, and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

An appeal, taken by James Bliss, from the sentence of expulsion, passed upon him by American Union Lodge No. 1, was handed in by Brother Cotton, and was, on motion, referred, together with the accompanying documents, to the committee on Grievances.

The following resolution, offered by Brother *Bacon*, was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three brethren be appointed, to inquire which if any, of the Lodges, working under the authority of this Grand Lodge, are liable to be suspended, under the 14th section of the By-Laws, and that they make report.

Whereupon, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Bacon, Lathrop and Jones said committee.

On motion of Brother *Miller*,

Resolved, That the dues from the several subordinate Lodges, for the last year, be remitted, to be expended, by said Lodges, in charitable uses.

On motion of Brother *Dietrick*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the returns forwarded by other Grand Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and report thereon.

Whereupon, Brothers Deitrick, Clark and Dorr, were appointed that committee.

On motion of Brother *Jones*,

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed, to examine the returns of the different Lodges, and ascertain what number of Masons have been returned, who are not members of Lodges, in pursuance of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, at its last session, and make report.

Whereupon, Brothers Jones, Corwin and Cotton were appointed that committee.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Walter B. Bebee and others reported that they had had the same under consideration, and offered the following resolutions, which were agreed to:

Resolved, That the amount of funds forwarded by Walter B Beebe and others, for a dispensation, after the deduction of the necessary expenses, be returned to those brethren, by the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer, after deducting the necessary expenses, pay over to the Grand Secretary the balance of the amount forwarded.

Brother *Corwin*, from the committee of Grievances, made report on the memorial of Brother Willard M. Smith:

That they have been informed, and believe, that the memorialist was a regular member of Washington Lodge No. 17, prior to the year 1819; that he was soon thereafter expelled by said Lodge, upon a charge of assault and battery upon a Master Mason, and that said sentence of expulsion was reversed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and said Smith restored to his membership in said Lodge. Your committee are further informed, and believe, that some time in the year. 1823, said Smith was indicted for perjury, in the court of common pleas for Butler county in this state, and that he immediately left his residence in said county, and that he has, since that time, been absent from the state. Your committee perceive, by an examination of the returns from Washington Lodge No. 17, for the year that said Smith is noted as expelled from that Lodge, on the 1st day of March, A. L. 5821; and your committee are informed and believe, that the expulsion of said Smith was founded upon the charge of perjury, aforesaid, and facts connected with it. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the proceedings of Washington Lodge No 17, in relation to the expulsion of *Willard M. Smith*, as reported in the return of said Lodge for the year 1821, and that said committee report at the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Which report was, on motion, agreed to, and resolution adopted, and Brothers Corwin, Benham and Fales were appointed said committee.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 11, 1825.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as yesterday.

On motion,

Resolved, That the appeal taken in 1821, by Daniel R. Hovey, from the sentence of expulsion passed on him by Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7, with the accompanying documents, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

The committee on Accounts made report, which was, on motion, agreed to.

On motion, the Grand Secretary's accounts were referred to Brothers Curtis, Spangler and Beatty, as a committee to report thereon.

On motion of Brother *Curtis*,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, whose duty it shall be to revise the existing By-Laws and resolutions of this Grand Lodge, regulating the conduct of subordinate Lodges, and also to present such alterations and additions thereto as in the

opinion of the committee may be expedient, and that the said committee report the same to the next annual grand communication.

Whereupon, Brothers Curtis, Fitzgerald, Bacon, Baker and Cotton were appointed that committee.

The committee on Grievances report that they have had under consideration the appeal of James Bliss, praying a reversal of the decision of American Union Lodge No. 1, by which the said James was expelled from said Lodge, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the said appeal be continued until the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, further, That if said appellant shall neglect, until the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, to forward to the Grand Secretary the proceedings of American Union Lodge No. 1, in the aforesaid case, his appeal be dismissed.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations reported the following resolutions, which were agreed to, to wit:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That a charter be granted to Georgetown Lodge No. 72, and that it be recommended to that Lodge to alter its By-Laws so as to allow *Master Masons, only, to vote* upon questions concerning admission, initiation, passing or raising.

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Chester Lodge No 71, and that it be recommended to that Lodge to expunge from its By-Laws the last sentence of the second section of the fourth article, and to insert in its By-Laws a provision that the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present shall be necessary to decide an application to be a case of emergency; and that all questions upon applications for admissions, initiations, passing or raising, shall be decided by ballot.

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to Brother Morgan Neville, and others, to hold a Lodge at Cincinnati, under the name of La Fayette Lodge No. —, to Brother Agreen Ingraham, and others, to hold a Lodge at Mellmore, in the county of Seneca, under the name of La Fayette Lodge No. —, to Brother James Galbraith, and others, to hold a Lodge at Paintville, in the county of Wayne, under the name of Charity Lodge No. —, to Brother Harvey I. Harman, and others, to hold a Lodge at Lower Sandusky, under the name of North Star Lodge No. —.

They also reported the following resolution, which was disagreed to, to wit:

Resolved, That a dispensation be issued to Brother J. C. Underwood, and others, to hold a Lodge at Germantown, under the name of Germantown Lodge No. —.

On motion of Brother *Dietrick*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to take into consideration the propriety of joining with the other Grand Lodges of the United States, in the erection of a monument in memory of our deceased Brother, George Washington, at Mt. Vernon, as recommended by the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and New York.

Whereupon, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Corwin, Lathrop and Miller that committee.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge loan to Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, the amount of the arrearages due to this Grand Lodge from said Ebenezer Lodge, until the next annual grand communication.

On motion,

Resolved, That Charity Lodge No. 53, be authorized to hold their meetings at Zoar, in Delaware county, until said Lodge shall have determined on a site for erecting a Masonic Hall, and until said Hall shall be prepared for their accommodation, and afterwards at the place determined on for said Hall.

On motion of Brother *Jones*,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of having a form adopted by which the subordinate Lodges shall be governed in making out their returns to the Grand Lodge, and make report.

Whereupon, Brothers Jones, McDowell and Fitzgerald were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge be directed to pay to the order of Brother Bela B. Clark the sum of fifty dollars, for the relief of Brother Gideon Richards, a distressed Master Mason, resident in the township and county of Medina.

The committee appointed to examine the returns of the subordinate Lodges and ascertain the number of Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions, not members of Lodges, report that sixteen of the Lodges have attended to that duty, to wit:

No. 4. New England....32	No. 23. Pickaway 22	No. 18. Hiram.....19
" 5. Amity 40	" 30. Ohio 24	" 33. Ebenezer 14
" 6. Scioto.....46	" 53. Charity 4	" 48. Aurora 20
" 9. Mt. Zion 19	" 56. King Solomon. 9	" 14. Franklin 7
" 13. St. Johns' 22	" 64. Mt. Vernon....67	" 57. Lancaster 15
" 17. Washington.....25		

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Lodges which have neglected to make returns in conformity with the resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last session, have until the next annual communication to report, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to inform the different Lodges, by letter, of the former resolution and the continuance of it as soon as convenient.

Which report was agreed to, and the said resolution adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions from the Grand Lodges of the States of New Hampshire and New York, proposing the erection of a monument at Mt. Vernon, to the memory of our illustrious Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON, report that they have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio most heartily concurs in opinion with the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and New York, as to the propriety of erecting a monument at the Grave of WASHINGTON, at Mt. Vernon, by the Masonic Fraternity.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for the purpose aforesaid, out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, whenever the sum of ten thousand dollars shall be appropriated for the same object by the Grand Lodges of other States, or by contributions by the Masonic Fraternity, and whenever specific measures shall have been adopted for the erection of the work.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary forthwith transmit to the several Grand Lodges in the United States the foregoing proceedings of this Grand Lodge, with a request that whatever may be done by them upon this subject, may be immediately transmitted to this Grand Lodge.

Which report was agreed to and the resolutions adopted.

Brother *Corwin* offered for consideration the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge that doubts are entertained by some of the subordinate Lodges of this State whether such Lodges have power, by the ancient principles of Masons, to demand and enforce the payment of dues or pecuniary contributions from the members of such Lodges, or to inflict the penalties of suspension or expulsion for the non-payment of such dues: *Therefore*,

Be it resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that each and every subordinate Lodge in this State has power to demand of their several members such dues as they may think just and expedient, and to enforce the payment of the same by sentence of suspension, or expulsion, if they think proper.

The Grand Lodge then went into an election of its officers for the year ensuing; and the votes being counted, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. WILLIAM W. IRVIN, of Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. SAMUEL R. MILLER, Cincinnati, Deputy Grand Master.
" SAMUEL WHEELER, Unionville, Grand Senior Warden.

R. W. George R. Fitzgerald, Chillicothe, Grand Junior Warden.
" Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" Henry Brown, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" Henry Sage, Circleville, Grand Marshal.
" Ezra B. Kellogg, Chillicothe, Grand Chaplain.
" Henry Bacon, Dayton, Grand Orator.
" Stephen Fales, Dayton, Grand Senior Deacon.
" William B. Thrall, Circleville, Grand Junior Deacon.
" Solomon Sisco, Cincinnati, Grand Tyler.
" John T. Jones, Cincinnati, Grand Lecturer.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until Wednesday morning 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 12, 1825.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as yesterday.

On motion of Brother *J. T. Jones*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, a resolution was passed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, at the annual grand communication, held in Columbus, in the year 1823, authorizing a renewal of the charters of subordinate Lodges which have been issued upon paper: *Therefore*,

Resolved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio, That when any charter is renewed, in pursuance with the resolution aforesaid, the same shall be signed by the officers acting at the time of the renewal, and that said Lodge retain its original number, date and rank.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, made report, that a dispensation be granted to Brother Charles Anthony and his associates, to hold a Lodge at Springfield, Clark county, under the name of Morning Star Lodge No. 27.

Which report was adopted.

On motion of Brother *Fitzgerald*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer be excused from visiting the subordinate Lodges for the year ensuing.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Daniel R. Hovey, from the decision of Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7, of expulsion against Brother Daniel R. Hovey, be, and the same is hereby reversed, and that Brother Daniel R. Hovey be and is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

The committee appointed on the Grand Secretary's accounts against the Grand Lodge, made report; which was, on motion, referred to a select committee, composed of Brothers Greene, King and Morse.

On motion,

Resolved, That the petition of Brother Beach, of New Haven Lodge No. —, praying that the charter of said Lodge may be surrendered, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion,

Resolved, That in publishing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in future, the Grand Secretary shall annex thereto a list of all reinstatements, suspensions and expulsions as may be forwarded by other Grand Lodges.

The following resolution was offered by Brother *King*, seconded, and laid over one year, to wit:

Resolved, That the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st Articles of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Brother *Jones*, from the committee appointed on that subject, reported the form, published in 1819, which is ordered to be published, and sent out with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, to the subordinate Lodges, and that the secretaries of the subordinate Lodges be governed by the same in making their returns to the Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed on that subject, reported the following, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed by this Grand Lodge, the sum of sixty-six dollars for issuing twenty-two charters on parchment.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of eighteen dollars for issuing three charters and two dispensations.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of twenty-seven dollars for recording and stationery, as exhibited in his account for the past year.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of fourteen dollars, twelve and a half cents, on account of postage, for the use of this Grand Lodge, for the past year.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars, as a compensation for extra services as Grand Secretary, during the past year.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer, for the sums of money allowed and granted in the foregoing resolutions, except the sum of twenty-five dollars, of which the Grand Secretary makes a present to the Grand Lodge.

The committee, appointed to examine what Lodges have not been represented, for two years last past, and which are in arrears to this Grand Lodge, reported:

That there has been no return from Mount Vernon Lodge No. 37, since the year 1820; and no return from Western Phœnix Lodge No. 42, since 1822; and no return from Monroe Lodge No. 51, in Michigan Territory, since 1819; and no return from Aurora Lodge No. 52, since 1820; Ebenezer Lodge No. 33 is in arrears for three years last past —returns have been regularly made by said Lodge, up to 1823; Paramuthia Lodge No. 25 is in the same situation as the one last named: and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mount Vernon Lodge No. 37, Western Phœnix Lodge No. 42, Monroe Lodge No. 51, Aurora Lodge No. 52, and Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, be summoned, by letter from the Grand Secretary, to appear before the Grand Lodge, by deputation, or otherwise, at our next grand annual communication, to show cause why they should not be suspended, for non-compliance with the 14th article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

Which report was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

The committee, to whom were referred the funds of the Grand Lodge, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved. That the funds of the Grand Lodge be loaned to the Grand Treasurer, at an interest of 6 per cent. per annum, on his giving bond and security, to the satisfaction of the M. W. Grand Master, and the W. Grand Secretary; the bond to be conditioned for the payment of the money to Henry Brown, for the use of the Grand Lodge, within ninety days from the time the said Henry Brown may demand the same: *Provided*, that the Grand Treasurer shall be liable to pay, on demand, such sums as may be necessary to meet the ordinary expenses of the Grand Lodge, upon the orders of the proper officers, and that the Grand Treasurer, under the contract upon the subject

aforesaid, be charged with interest upon the balance in his hands, at the expiration of the year.

The committee to whom was referred the report of Brother Patterson, in relation to Friendship Lodge No. 32, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That Brother Patterson proceed to settle with the several brethren from whom dues to said Friendship Lodge remain unsatisfied, and to receive, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, such balances as may be found due on such notes, or other securities therefor, as Brother Patterson shall deem expedient.

And, also, that Brother Patterson do settle with Mr. Sutton, and appropriate, out of any funds and securities which he may obtain, such an amount as shall be sufficient to satisfy any balance, found due to Mr. Sutton ; and, that Brother Patterson make report of proceedings herein, to the next annual grand communication.

Brother *Cotton*, from the committee on applications for Charity, made report, and offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be directed to pay to Brother Elias Murray the sum of fifty dollars, to be applied for the relief of the widow of our deceased Brother, P. D. Butler, as, in his opinion, her necessities may require.

Resolved, That fifty dollars be paid out of the Grand Charity Fund, for the relief of the widow of our deceased brother, George Wolfley, to be paid to the order of brother William B. Thrall.

The committee appointed to settle the accounts between this Grand Lodge and Belmont Lodge No. 16, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit Belmont Lodge No. 16 with twenty-six dollars, as paid on the 16th September, 1818, to R. Kercheval, former Grand Secretary; and that the committee have further time till the next grand communication, to make their final report.

Which resolution was agreed to.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the Treasurer of Ohio Lodge No. 30 the sum of twenty dollars, towards the rent of this Lodge room.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the late Grand Secretary the sum of twenty-five dollars, for his services at the present session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay the late Grand Steward and Tyler the sum of fifteen dollars, twelve and a half cents for their services, and articles furnished this Grand Lodge, during the present grand communication.

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the dispensation, granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to Village Lodge No. —— be continued, and that the Brethren of said Lodge be permitted to work as a Lodge under said dispensation, until the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Brother Beach, on the subject of New Haven Lodge, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That New Haven Lodge No. —— be stricken from the list of Lodges of this state, and that the Charter of said Lodge be, and the same is hereby revoked; and that the Grand Secretary notify the said Lodge of the fact.

Resolved, That Brother Moses S. Beach be, and he is hereby appointed to receive and collect the jewels, dues and furniture of said Lodge, deliver and pay over the same to the Grand Secretary, and make report of his proceedings herein to this Grand Lodge, at its next annual communication.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Brothers Samuel Wheeler, George R. Fitzgerald, J. Satterthwaite and John Cotton Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund; which appointments were agreed to by the Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made the following appointments, to wit:

Brother SOLOMON SISCO, Grand Steward.
" ERASMUS D. DOWNER, Grand Sword Bearer.
" THOS. ORR and J. DUNN, Grand Pursuivants.

The Grand Officers elect were duly qualified and installed in ancient form.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge adjourned until Thursday morning, at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 13th, 1825.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as yesterday.

Brother *Metcalf* presented the petition of Rachel Stillwell, widow of our deceased brother, James Stillwell, praying charitable relief of this Grand Lodge, which was, on motion, referred to a select committee of Brothers King, Jones and Cotton, who forthwith reported the following:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be paid by the Grand Treasurer, out of the Grand Charity Fund, to Daniel Upson, to be by him applied to the relief of said Rachel Stillwell.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be granted to the widow of our deceased Brother, Rufus Sprague, of Granville, and that said sum be paid out of the Grand Charity Fund, on the order of Brother Pardon Sprague.

Resolved, That the amount of Bank stock, in the Bank of Chillicothe, with the dividends thereon, the property of this Grand Lodge, now standing in the name of Brother Thomas Worthington, be transferred to the name of Brother Lincoln Goodale, in trust for the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Resolved, That Brother Thomas Worthington be requested to make the transfer aforesaid.

Resolved, That five dollars be paid to Brother Solomon Sisco for his services in tyling the Grand Lodge, at its present session.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inspect, enroll and superintend the printing of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the same; and that three hundred copies be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

Whereupon, the Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Brothers A. I. McDowell, Henry Brown and Bela Latham that committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until the second Monday in January, 1826.

SAMUEL R. MILLER, *Deputy Grand Master.*

Attest:

HENRY BROWN, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, January 9, A. D. 1826—A. L. 5826.

M. W. SAMUEL WHEELER, *Grand Master.*

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THE Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. SAMUEL R. MILLER, Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master.
R. W. HENRY BACON, as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. THOMAS CORWIN, as Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. GEORGE R. FITZGERALD, as Grand Junoir Warden.
R. W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*
R. W. MOSES LEVI, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
R. W. DANIEL TURNEY, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
R. W. HENRY SAGE, Grand Marshal.
R. W. BELA LATHAM, Grand Sword Bearer *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM LONG, Grand Tyler *pro tem.*

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Master's degree in due form, and the Throne of Grace was addressed, in a suitable prayer, by our Rev. Brother, James McAboy.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Collins, Spangler and Satterthwaite.
To Examine Visitors.—Brothers Fielding, Russell and Latham.

The committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges to be duly represented, to wit:

No. 2. N. C. Harmony,
3. Erie,
4. New England,
5. Amity,
6. Scioto,
8. Harmony,
9. Mount Zion,
11. Centre Star,
13. St. Johns',
14. Franklin,
15. Concord,
16. Belmont,
17. Washington,
23. Pickaway,
25. Paramuthia,
26. Lebanon,
No. 27. Morning Star,
29. Clermont Social,
30. Ohio.
31. Golden Rule,
33. Ebenezer,
35. Mansfield,
37. Mount Moriah,
38. Highland,
42. Western Phœnix,
43. West Union,
44. Columbia,
45. Steubenville,
46. Miami,
48. Aurora,
49. Xenia,
52. St Jerome,
No. 53. Charity,
57. Lancaster,
58. Medina,
59. New Philadelphia,
60. Canton,
61. Bethel,
62. Evergreen,
66. Guernsey,
67. Oxford,
68. Hudson,
69. Meridian Sun,
71. Chester,
72. Somerset,
73. Temperance,
74. Wadsworth,
75. North Star.

The constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the GRAND LODGE was declared duly organized for despatch of business.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Denny, Brooks and Prichard.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Corwin, Bell and Greene.
On Grievances—Brothers Wright Warner, Brown and Stokeley.

Brother *Greene* offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table until afternoon, viz:

Resolved, That the dues from the several subordinate Lodges, for the last year, be remitted, to be expended by said subordinate Lodges, respectively, in charitable uses.

On motion of Brother *Greene*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be apppointed to examine and report upon the unfinished business of the last session; also, to examine the communications of other Grand Lodges, and report to this Grand Lodge.

Brothers Greene, Beatty and Coleman were appointed said committee.

Petitions were handed in from Lafayette Lodge of Zanesville, from Temperance Lodge at Sidney, Lafayette Lodge at Cincinnati, and Lafayette Lodge at Seneca, praying for charters; which were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

An appeal from Harmony Lodge No. 8, by David S. Davis, from the sentence of expulsion, was handed in; and, on motion, was referred to the committee on Grievances.

The committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

The committee on Unfinished Business have examined the minutes of the proceedings of the last grand communication, and find the following subjects requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge at its present session, viz:

1. A resolution requiring the committee to report at this communication, who were appointed to visit Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, and ascertain what proceedings have been had in said Lodge by Brothers Walters and Ellis against Brother Hankins.

2. The resolution giving until this communication for the report of the committee appointed to investigate the proceedings of Washington Lodge No. 17, in relation to the expulsion of Willard M. Smith.

3. A resolution to repeal the eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first articles of the By-Laws.

4. The report of the committee appointed to settle the accounts between this Grand Lodge and Belmont Lodge.

5. The dispensation to Village Lodge No. —, as continued from the last to the present grand communication.

6. A resolution requiring Moses S. Beach to report at this communication his proceedings under his appointment to collect and receive the jewels, dues and furniture of New Haven Lodge No. —.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to adjust the differences existing in Clermont Social Lodge, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion,

Voted, That so much of the report of the committee on Unfinished Business as relates to Village Lodge, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

So much of the unfinished business as related to New Haven Lodge, was, on motion, referred to a select committee of three—consisting of Brothers Cooke, Moore and Wheeler.

On motion of Brother *Spangler*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to report to this Grand Lodge, during the present session, what subordinate Lodges, if any, have not been represented in this Grand Lodge for two successive grand communications, or who are in arrears to this Grand Lodge for two years.

The dispensation and By-Laws of Somerset Lodge were handed in by Brother Sanderson; and, on motion, referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The resolution offered by Brother *Greene*, for the remission of dues, was again taken up, and on the question being put, was carried in the affirmative.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the following resolution, offered at the last grand communication, to wit:

Resolved, That the eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first articles of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby repealed.

Which was *unanimously* agreed to.

The M. W. Grand Master, William W. Irvin, and R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Samuel Wheeler, appeared and took their stations.

On motion,

Resolved, That the dispensation granted to Charity Lodge, at Paintville, No. —, be continued one year.

On motion of Brother *Harman*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the committee on Charters and Dispensations be authorized to inquire into the propriety of granting a charter to the brethren of North Star Lodge, of Lower Sandusky, their proceedings, by-laws and dispensation being herewith returned to the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Patterson*, who was heretofore appointed to settle the accounts, etc., of the late Friendship Lodge, made his report, which was accepted; and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That Brother Patterson be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that Georgetown Lodge No. —, be appointed the agent of this Grand Lodge to settle with said Friendship Lodge, and that they report to the Grand Lodge at the next grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Lathrop*,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge go into an election of its officers to-morrow evening.

Which was agreed to.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Tuesday morning 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 10, 1826.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *William Waters*, from Clermont Social Lodge, presented the record of the proceedings of said Lodge, relative to certain charges exhibited in said Lodge against Daniel Hankins; which were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Corwin*, chairman of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, moved the adoption of the following resolutions, which were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Andrew Hinkle and his associates, by name of Somerset Lodge No. 72; that a charter be granted to Brother William Fielding and his associates, to hold a Lodge at Sidney, in Shelby county, Ohio, by the name of Temperance Lodge No. 73; that a charter be granted to Brother Abel Dickinson and his associates, to hold a Lodge at Wadsworth, in Medina county, Ohio, by the name of Wadsworth Lodge No. 74; that a charter be granted Brother Harvey S. Harman and his associates, to hold a Lodge at Sandusky, in Sandusky county, Ohio, by the name of North Star Lodge No. 75.

2. That this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the documents referred to them, in relation to certain proceedings in Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, and that the same be referred to the committee on Grievances.

The committee on Accounts made the following report:

That they had examined the Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's books, and find them to have been correctly kept and properly vouched for.

That at the last session of the Grand Lodge there remained in the Treasury the sum of	$1,011 74
Since which time there has been paid in	414 00
Making the sum of	$1,425 74
Since that time there has been paid out the sum of	353 79
Leaving a balance in the Treasury	$1,071 95
Interest charged agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, dated Jan. 12, 1825	57 06
Making a balance in the Treasury	$1,129 01

On motion of Brother *Greene*, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That the seventh article of the By-Laws be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, shall be vested severally with the power of granting dispensations, and of suspending Lodges working under dispensations, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, at their discretion, during the recess of the Grand Lodge. But no dispensation shall be granted, in any case, unless at least one of the petitioners shall be a regular Past-Master."

Brother *Coleman*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, etc., made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on Unfinished Business and Correspondence, have examined the correspondence of the Grand Lodge during the past year, and find communications containing the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges of the United States; also, of the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Nova Scotia; the committee do not find any particular subject requiring the attention of this Grand Lodge in these communications. The committee observe the practice of some of the Grand Lodges, of publishing in their

communications a list of the expulsions, suspensions and reinstatements communicated by the different Grand Lodges of the United States, and recommend the same course to this Grand Lodge, in their future communications, agreeably to a resolution of the last session of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was agreed to—35 to 32—voting by Lodges:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be ordered to pay Brother Wm. Hamilton, for the use of Brother John Drake, of Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson county, the sum of fifty dollars, to be expended for his support and relief, he being very aged, infirm and destitute.

A memorial from Brother John Kelly, with accompanying documents, was handed in, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances.

A representation in writing, from Brother D. Higgins, relative to the dues from Morning Star Lodge, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion,

Voted, That the committee on Grievances be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial from Clermont Social Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Stokeley*,

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to act in conjunction with such committee as may be appointed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, to inquire into the expediency of erecting a Masonic Hall, suitable for the accommodation of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Ohio, with authority to select a suitable site, and to solicit from the subordinate Lodges and the Order generally, donations for the same, to report at the next grand annual communication.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Samuel Stokeley, of Jefferson county, Samuel Wheeler, of Geauga, George R. Fitzgerald, of Ross, Lincoln Goodale, of Franklin, and John Satterthwaite, of Warren, said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the volume presented to this Grand Lodge, in their behalf, by Brother Goodale.

Brother *Greene*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Agreen Ingraham and his associates, for a Lodge, to be called Lafavette Lodge No. 77, in the town of Eden, in the village of Melmore, in the county of Seneca.

2. That it be recommended to the said Lafayette Lodge, to alter the 3d article of their By-Laws, so as to require three-fourths, instead of a majority of the members, to decide upon what shall be deemed a case of emergency.

3. That a Charter be granted to Amos Upham and his associates, for a Lodge, to be called Village Lodge No. 78, in the town of Burton, and county of Geauga.

4. That a Charter be granted to Isaac Van Horne and his associates, for a Lodge, to be called Lafayette Lodge No. 79, in the town of Zanesville, county of Muskingum.

5. That a Charter be granted to Charles Anthony and his associates, for a Lodge, to be called Morning Star Lodge No. 80, in Springfield, in the county of Clark.

6. That the Grand Secretary be directed to deliver the Charters, contemplated by the last two foregoing resolutions, when he shall have received from the Lodges named in those resolutions, the Dispensations under which they have heretofore been working, and not before.

Brother *Greene*, from the same committee, also reported the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That the Dispensation, granted at the last grand communication to Morgan

Neville and his associates, to hold a Lodge in Cincinnati, by the name of Lafayette Lodge, be continued until the next grand communication of this Grand Lodge.

2. That this Grand Lodge recommend to the Lodge, named in the last preceding resolution, a strict observance of the resolution passed by this Grand Lodge, at its annual communication in 1820, requiring that all applications for initiation or for membership, in the subordinate Lodges, shall lay over at least from one regular meeting to another, unless three-fourths of the members present decide the application to be a case of emergency.

Which were laid over for consideration.

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars, voted at the last session of this Grand Lodge to Brother Daniel Upson, for the use of Rachel Stillwell, be paid direct to Mrs. Stillwell herself.

2. That the suspensions made by Lafayette Lodge No. 79, at Zanesville, *be not* inserted in the published proceedings of this grand communication.

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the transcript of the proceedings of Clermont Social Lodge, in a contest in that Lodge between Brothers Waters, Ellis, and A. Hankins, have had the same under consideration, and report: That there appears to be no necessity for the interference of the Grand Lodge in that contest at present. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Grievances be discharged from the further consideration of that subject, and Clermont Lodge be recommended to proceed to a conclusive decision of the same, and report their proceedings to the next grand annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of David S. Davis, an expelled member of Harmony Lodge No. 8, beg leave to report: That, upon examination, they find the proceedings of said Lodge to have been Masonic and correct; but that the reasons at that time existing for the expulsion of the said David S. Davis, have been removed by the said Davis, and that the said Lodge is now of the opinion that he should be reinstated. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother David S. Davis be and he is hereby reinstated in all the privileges of the fraternity, and reädmitted a member of the Masonic family.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of Obadiah Smith, an expelled member of Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, report: That, upon examination, they find the said Obadiah Smith was expelled from said Lodge without any sufficient charges being duly and regularly exhibited against him, and without any sufficient notice thereof being given to the said Smith, or opportunity afforded him, of replying to or exculpating himself therefrom. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Obadiah Smith be and he is hereby reinstated in all the privileges of the fraternity, and reädmitted a member of the Masonic Order.

Which report was accepted and resolution adopted.

On motion, the business which had been assigned for the evening, was taken up, and the Grand Lodge went into an election of its officers for the year ensuing; and the votes being counted, the following Brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. Samuel Wheeler, Unionville, Geauga Co., Grand Master.
R. W. Richard Collins, Hillsborough, Deputy Grand Master.
" Stephen Fales, Dayton, Grand Senior Warden.
" William Greene, Cincinnati, Grand Junior Warden.
" Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" Bela Latham, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" George Sanderson, Lancaster, Grand Marshal.

R. W. James M'Aboy, Athens, Grand Chaplain.
" Thomas Corwin, Lebanon, Grand Orator.
" Moses Levi, Chillicothe, Grand Senior Deacon.
" Samuel Denney, Circleville, Grand Junior Deacon.
" William John, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" William Fielding, Sidney, Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Officers elect were duly qualified and installed in ancient form.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until Wednesday morning, nine o'clock.

Wednesday, January 11, 1826.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Dietrick*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to alter the number of Somerset Lodge from No. 72 to 76.

Brother *McCord* introduced the following preamble and resolution, which were agreed to:

Whereas, it has been represented to this M. W. Grand Lodge, that the Charter of Harmony Lodge No. 8, has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary, for the purpose of having the same issued on parchment, and it is further represented that the same has not come to hand;

Therefore resolved, That the Grand Secretary issue a Charter to said Harmony Lodge No. 8.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were agreed to:

Whereas, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that Brother Sisco, Past Grand Tyler, was taken ill while on his way to attend this Grand Lodge, and is now confined by sickness about thirty miles from this place; And whereas it is further represented, that Brother Sisco is a poor man, and destitute of money to enable him to defray the expense attending this illness from home;

Therefore resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the sum of fifty dollars to Brother Miller, for the use of Brother Sisco.

On motion of Brother *Satterthwaite*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer be excused from visiting the several subordinate Lodges of this State the year ensuing.

On motion,

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-five dollars be paid out of the Treasury of this Grand Lodge to Brother William Fielding, as a compensation for eleven days' services as Grand Lecturer, in May, 1824.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Charity Lodge No. 53, praying that the place designated in their Charter for the holding of the meetings of said Lodge, may be altered from Sunbury to Zoar, beg leave to report, that he has had the same under consideration, and recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Which was agreed to.

The following resolution was offered by Brother *Samuel R. Miller*, seconded, and laid over one year for consideration:

Resolved, That the 5th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended to read as follows:

"Art. 5. The Masters and Wardens of the chartered Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, may each appoint the others, or either of them, to represent him or them in the Grand Lodge, and such appointment may be certified to the Grand Lodge, in writing, by the Master or Wardens, as the case may be; or the chartered Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, may each appoint a member of such chartered Lodge, to represent the Master and Wardens thereof in the Grand Lodge; and such appointment, being certified under the seal of the Lodge, shall entitle the members so appointed to three votes in the Grand Lodge."

On motion, the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, relative to Lafayette Lodge, of Cincinnati, was resumed; and, after some discussion, the first resolution was stricken out and the following adopted:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Lafayette Lodge of Cincinnati; that the same be numbered eighty one.

The second resolution, as reported, was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *McAboy*,

Resolved, That Paramuthia Lodge No. 25 is in good standing, and that all her dues have been canceled.

The committee on Accounts recommended the adoption of the following resolutions, which were agreed to:

Resolved, 1. That the Grand Secretary of the past year be allowed by this Grand Lodge the sum of twenty-seven dollars, for issuing nine dispensations.

2. That the Grand Secretary of the past year be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars, for issuing three charters.

3. That the Grand Secretary of the past year be allowed the sum of seven dollars and forty-two cents, on account of postage, for the use of this Grand Lodge for the past year.

4. That the Grand Secretary of the past year be allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars for taking minutes, transcribing, recording, etc., proceedings of last Grand Lodge.

5. That the Grand Secretary of the past year be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for transacting business for the Grand Lodge during vacation, as exhibited in his account.

6. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sums of money allowed and granted in the foregoing resolutions.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until Thursday morning, nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 12, 1826.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Brooks*, from the committee on Accounts, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother William Long, Grand Tyler *pro tem.* be allowed, as a compensation for tyling two days, during this Grand Lodge, and for stationery, the sum of eleven dollars and forty-five cents.

On motion of Brother *Fielding*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brothers Latham, Leiby and Griswold be appointed a committee to inspect, enroll and print the proceedings of this grand communication, and that three hundred copies of the same be distributed in the usual manner, accompanied with an equal number of copies of the By-Laws and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, now in force, and that they be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expenses of the same.

On motion of Brother *Brooks*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge pay to the Treasurer of Ohio Lodge No. 30 the sum of twenty dollars towards the rent of this Lodge room.

The chairman of the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the account of Morning Star Lodge, recommended the adoption of the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Morning Star Lodge be credited with the sum of fourteen dollars and sixty-eight cents, being the dues owing from said Lodge, and paid to the Grand Lodge by Brother Higgins, its representative in the year 1818.

On motion of Brother *Spangler*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother H. Brown, Past Grand Secretary, be paid, by the Grand Treasurer, twenty dollars, for four charters issued during the present session, and ten dollars for his services in keeping the minutes, etc.

The committee on Accounts recommended the adoption of the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay Brother William John, Grand Tyler, two dollars for his services during the present grand communication.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thirteenth article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by expunging therefrom the words "*In presence of the Grand Lodge.*"

On motion, the following preamble was accepted and resolution adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge that it is the intention of our Rev. and Worthy Brother, James McAboy, to visit Europe previous to the next communication of this Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That a diploma be granted to him, in the following form, to wit:

TO ALL FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS:

THE Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio recommend their Right Worshipful and Worthy Brother, Rev. JAMES MCABOY, Past and Present Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, to the favor and affection of the Fraternity throughout the world.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments:

Brother WILLIAM JOHN, Columbus, Grand Steward.
Brother JOHN WARNER, C lumbus, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers JONA. M. SMITH, HENRY DELANO, Columbus, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, be, and is hereby authorized to pay over to Brother Moses Levi the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid in six equal proportions, to the widows of our deceased Brothers, Steele and Williams, of Chillicothe; they being in necessitous circumstances.

On motion of Brother *Greene*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby authorized, at their discretion, to confer the first three degrees of Masonry gratuitously upon Ministers of the Gospel.

On motion of Brother *Fielding*,

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last grand communication of the Grand Lodge, to pay to the widow Stillwell the sum of twenty-five dollars, be discharged from that duty, and that the said appropriation be rescinded.

On motion of Brother *Greene*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby instructed to forward immediately, to all the subordinate Lodges in this state, copies of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, relative to the erection of a Hall, for the use of this Grand Lodge.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee on Grievances be discharged from the further consideration of Brother Kelly's memorial, and that St. Johns' Lodge be, and is hereby directed to send to the Grand Lodge, at their next communication, a full and correct copy of

all their proceedings relative to said Brother Kelly. And that the memorial and documents lay over for further consideration.

The following preamble and resolutions were considered and agreed to, viz:

WHEREAS, it appears from the minutes of the proceedings of Lafayette Lodge, of Cincinnati, that at their late meeting, on the 14th December last, an election of officers for the present year, was held, in pursuance of their By-Laws; and whereas, this Grand Lodge regards said election as irregular and void: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to insert in their Charter the officers named in the dispensation granted at the last grand communication.

Resolved, That Lafayette Lodge No. 81, of Cincinnati, be authorized to go into an election of officers, for the present year, immediately after they shall have received their charter, granted to said Lodge, at the present communication of this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Lodge adjourned until the second Monday in January, 1827.

SAMUEL WHEELER, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

BELA LATHAM, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, on the second Monday [8th] of January, A. D. 1827—A. L. 5827.

M. W. JOHN M. GOODENOW, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother P. H. OLMSTED, Columbus.]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827. Grand Officers present—

M. W. SAMUEL WHEELER, Grand Master.
R. W. JOSHUA DOWNER, Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
R. W. STEPHEN FALES, Grand Senior Warden.
R. W. JOHN SATTERTHWAITE, Grand Junior Warden.
R. W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BELA LATHAM, Grand Secretary.
R. W. MOSES LEVI, Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. SAMUEL S. DENNY, Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. JOHN WARNER, Grand Marshal.
W. ELIJAH COOPER, Grand Sword Bearer *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM JOHN, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Master's degree, in ample form; and the Throne of Grace was addressed in a solemn and suitable prayer, by our Rev. Brother M. M. HENKLE.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Stokeley, James and Foster.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers Fielding, Blake and Goodenow.

The committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges as duly represented, to wit:

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
3.	Erie	R. Stone.
4.	New England	R. R. Chapman.
5.	Amity	David Spangler, Wm. Lattimore, Robert Stewart.
6.	Scioto	Moses Levi.
8.	Harmony	John Hill, J. E. Chaplin.
9.	Mount Zion	Hosmer Curtis.
10.	Meridian Orb	Samuel Wheeler.
11.	Center Star	G. B. Bancroft.
12.	Unity	William Coolman.
13.	St Johns'	Stephen Fales.
15.	Concord	P. M. Weddel.
16.	Belmont	John Davenport.
17.	Washington	John Satterthwaite, David Higgins.
18.	Hiram	J. M. Goodenow, Bela Latham.
23.	Pickaway	William B. Thrall.
25.	Paramuthia	James McAboy, G. B. Acklay.
26.	Lebanon	Thomas Corwin, J. Satterthwaite.
29.	Clermont Social	O T. Fishback, J. D. Morris.
30.	Ohio	Ralph Osborn, P. H. Olmsted, Gustavus Swan.
31.	Golden Rule	Rev. M. M. Henkle.
32.	Ebenezer	Joshua R Giddings.
33.	Rising Sun	Joseph H. Larwill, John Smith.
34.	Middlebury	Eliakim Crosby.
35.	Mansfield	Jacob Parker.
37.	Mt. Moriah	James Bowen.
38.	Highland	Moses H. Kirby.
40.	Northern Light	B. Latham.
42.	Western Phœnix	R. Stone.
43.	West Union	John Kincaid.
44	Columbia	Samuel M'Henry.
45.	Steubenville	Samuel Stokeley, J. M. Goodenow.
46.	Miami	Robert T. Lytle.
48.	Aurora	N. K. Clough.
49.	Xenia	Thomas Corwin.
50.	Science	Hector Kilbourn.
54.	Milford	L. A. Hendrick.
55.	Eastern Star	James W. Lanier.
57.	Lancaster	C. R. Sherman, J. D. Dietrick.
59.	New Philadelphia	Walter M. Blake, Wright Warner.
60.	Canton	James W. Lathrop.
61.	Bethel	Jonathan D. Morris.
62.	Evergreen	Joshua R. Giddings.
64	Mt. Vernon	Platt Benedict.
65.	New Lisbon	Fisher A. Blocksom.
66.	Guernsey	James M. Bell.
67.	Oxford	Joel Collins.
68	Hudson	William Coolman.
69.	Meridian Sun	Philo Welton.
71.	Chester	John C. Bestow, Theodore S. Nye
72.	Georgetown	Thomas L. Hamer.
73.	Temperance	William Fielding.
76.	Somerset	John Leidy.
77.	Lafayette	Buckley Hutchins.
79.	Lafayette	J. T. Fracker, G. C. Sedgwick.
80.	Morning Star	M. M. Henkle.
81.	Lafayette	Wm. R. Foster, Robert T. Lytle.

The constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the GRAND LODGE was declared duly organized for the dispatch of business.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Spangler, Beatty and Fracker.
On Grievances—Brothers Corwin, Chaplin and M'Henry.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Sherman, Lorain and Curtis.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Spangler, Coolman and Crosby.

On motion, the By-Laws, proceedings and dispensation of Bolivar Lodge No. —, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Corwin*,

The petition, By-Laws, proceedings and dispensation, of Warren Lodge; and the petition, By-Laws and dispensation, of Morning Star Lodge; the petitions of sundry persons for a Lodge in Scioto county, to be called Western Sun Lodge; the petition of sundry persons, of Hamilton county, for a Lodge at the town of Montgomery, to be called Montgomery Lodge; the petition of sundry persons, praying for a dispensation to hold a Lodge in the town of Middletown, in Butler county; also, a similar petition for a dispensation to hold a Lodge in Germantown, Montgomery county, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Fielding* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the proceedings, preamble and resolution, of Temperance Lodge, No. 73, in the case wherein A. Evans, an Entered Apprentice Mason, was expelled from Franklin Lodge, No. 14, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Lathrop* laid before the Grand Lodge the dispensation, a transcript of the proceedings and the returns of Charity Lodge, No. —; which, on motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *M. M. Henkle* asked and obtained leave to lay before the Grand Lodge, a memorial of certain Masons therein named, asking the privilege of alternately holding the meetings of Golden Rule Lodge, No. 31, in the towns of Fairfield and Monroe.

Brother *Spangler*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business have examined the Minutes of the Proceedings of the last grand communication, and find the following subjects requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge at its present grand communication:

1. The report due from Clermont Social Lodge, of their proceedings in a contest between Brothers Waters, Ellis and A. Hankins.

2. The report of a committee appointed to investigate the proceedings of Washington Lodge No. 17, in relation to the expulsion of Willard M. Smith.

3. The report of the committee appointed to settle the accounts between the Grand Lodge and Belmont Lodge.

4. The report of Brothers Cook, Moore and Wheeler, who were appointed a committee to receive the jewels and furniture of New Haven Lodge No. —.

5. The dispensation of Charity Lodge No. —, at Paintville, which was continued from the last until this communication.

6. The report of Georgetown Lodge No. —, which was appointed Agent for the Grand Lodge, to settle with Friendship Lodge No. —, and to report at this communication.

7. The report of the committee appointed on the subject of a Grand Masonic Hall, for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

8. The consideration of the amendment, proposed at the last grand communication, by Brother Samuel R. Miller, to the fifth article of the By-Laws.

9. The resolution adopted at the last grand commuication, requiring St. Johns' Lodge, No. 13, to report to this Grand Lodge the proceedings had against Brother Kelley.

Which report was accepted, and, on motion, said committee were discharged.

Brother *Thrall* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to consider and report on the powers of subordinate Lodges to require of such Master Masons as reside within their respective jurisdictions, and who are not members of some Lodge, to contribute to the Charity Fund.

Whereupon, Brothers Thrall, Fielding and Curtis, were appointed said committee.

Brother *Sherman*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Bolivar Lodge, in Eaton, Preble county, reported, that said Lodge has been working under a dispensation from Bro. Richard Collins, Deputy Grand Master, dated July 14, A. D. 1826, that they have examined the proceedings of said Lodge and find the same regular; they have also examined the By-Laws adopted by said Lodge for their government, and find the same to be conformable to the By-Laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge, except the first clause of the tenth article, which is in these words: "No visitor shall be admitted

into the Lodge unless he is found to be a Master Mason." They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That a charter be granted to Bolivar Lodge, at Eaton, Preble county.

2. That it be recommended to said Lodge, to repeal the above recited clause of the tenth article of their By-Laws.

Which resolutions were agreed to.

Also, the same committee had under consideration the petition of Morning Star Lodge, at Mantua, in Portage county, and report, that said Lodge has been working under a dispensation granted by the present Grand Master; that their proceedings appear to be regular, and their By-Laws in conformity to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the general regulations of Masonry. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Morning Star Lodge, at Mantua, Portage county.

Which resolution was agreed to.

Also, the same committee had under consideration the petition of a number of Brethren, to form a Lodge at Concord, in the county of Scioto, to be called Western Sun Lodge, and report, that being satisfied that the application is, in all respects, in substantial compliance with the By-Laws and rules in such cases prescribed by the Grand Lodge, and that the application is reasonable, do therefore report, that in the opinion of your committee, a dispensation ought to be granted to the petitioners.

Which report was accepted and a dispensation ordered to be granted.

Also, the same committee had under consideration the petition, &c., of Warren Lodge, in Milford, Union county, and report, that the petitioners have been working under a dispensation granted by Bro. Richard Collins, Deputy Grand Master, dated March 23, A. L. 5826: That your committee have carefully examined the By-Laws of said Lodge, and find no part of the same contrary to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge—but they are of opinion that said By-Laws might be amended; they have also examined the proceedings of said Lodge and find the same correct; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That a charter be granted to Warren Lodge, at Milford, Union county, in ancient form.

2. That said Lodge be recommended to amend their By-Laws, by inserting a provision in the 24th article to this effect: "except in case of appeal to the Grand Lodge." And by adopting a provision requiring the reading, at every regular communication, of the proceedings of the last.

Which resolutions were adopted.

Brother *Sherman*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren, for a dispensation for a Lodge at Middletown, Butler county, to be called Jefferson Lodge, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and they find that the petition has been signed by the requisite number of Master Masons, and from information they have received, they do not doubt but that the brethren signing said petition sustain good moral character, and possess sufficient masonic abilities to qualify them to work in a Lodge with reputation to themselves and benefit to the fraternity. They also conceive that the interests of Masonry would be promoted by the establishment of a well governed Lodge in Middletown, as prayed for by the petitioners. But your committee are of opinion, that the certificate of Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, (being the Lodge nearest to the place were said Lodge is proposed to be constituted,) is not such as is peremptorily required by the 15th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge; as it does not vouch in explicit terms, for the moral characters

or Masonic abilities of the petitioners; nor does said Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, expressly recommend the Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of said petition; and your committee are clearly of opinion, that it can not be fairly inferred from the certificate of said Eastern Star Lodge. that the petitioners are of good moral character and of sufficient Masonic ability—therefore, recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The aforesaid committee, upon the petition of a number of brethren for a Lodge at Germantown, Montgomery county, to be called Germantown Lodge, made a similar report as in the foregoing case. Also, the same committee made a similar report upon the petition of a number of brethren for a Lodge in Montgomery, Hamilton county, to be called Montgomery Lodge, and recommended by Milford Lodge No. 54, with the exception, that Milford Lodge recommended the Grand Lodge to grant them a charter.

The motion to agree to the report of the committee, in the above cases, was decided in the negative—voting by Lodges—ayes 45, noes 89.

Brother *Davenport* presented a petition of sundry Masons in the county of Belmont, praying for a dispensation to hold a Lodge at Barnsville, under the style of Friendship Lodge; which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Corwin* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to David S. Davis and others, to hold a Lodge at Middletown, in Butler county, Ohio.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That a dispensation be granted to the petitioners, to have a Lodge in Germantown, Montgomery county, agreeably to the prayer of the petition.

2. That a dispensation be granted to the petitioners, to have a Lodge in Montgomery, Hamilton county, to be called Montgomery Lodge.

Brother *Giddings* presented the dispensation of Jefferson Lodge, in Ashtabula county, and a transcript of their proceedings, &c.; which, on motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Fales*, the communication and documents from St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, which had been laid on the Secretary's table, in relation to difficulties existing between said Lodge and Brother John Kelley, were taken up and referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Stone* presented a petition from the brethren of Western Star Lodge No. 21, praying that they may be authorized to hold their communications at Boardman; which, on motion, was referred to a select committee of three, to take into consideration the propriety of granting the prayer of said petition.

Whereupon, Brothers Stone, Giddings and Coolman, were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the members of Golden Rule Lodge No. 31, be authorized to hold their meetings for work, at Monroe, Clark county, instead of Fairfield, in Greene county, their present place of meeting; but that they be required to hold their meetings permanently at one or other of the above places.

On motion of Brother *Lathrop*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will go into an election of Officers to-morrow evening.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 9, 1827.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Spangler*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to report to the Grand Lodge, during the present communication, what subordinate Lodges, if any, have not been represented in the Grand Lodge for two successive grand communications; also, what subordinate Lodges are in arrears to the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Sherman*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of William Clark and others, praying for a dispensation to hold a Lodge in Barnsville, to be called Friendship, reported that they had had the same under consideration, and on examination, they find the petition signed by the requisite number of Master Masons; that they have been regularly recommended by Belmont Lodge No. 16, and your committee are of the opinion that it is expedient to grant the petitioners a dispensation as by them prayed for. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to Benjamin Bloomfield and others, to hold a Lodge in the town of Barnsville, to be called Friendship Lodge; and that the first offices be filled by the Brethren nominated in said petition.

Which report was accepted, and the resolution agreed to.

The same committee, to whom was referred the petition of Charity Lodge, for a charter, reported that they had had the same under consideration, and find that a dispensation was granted by Brother Samuel R. Miller, Deputy Grand Master, dated January 13, A. D. 1825, to a number of brethren, to hold a Lodge in the town of Paintville, in the county of Wayne, to be called Charity; that said dispensation was, at the last session of the Grand Lodge, continued, and that said Charity Lodge has, for two years, worked under said dispensation; your committee have carefully examined the records of the proceedings for the two years they have so worked, and find the same correct. Your committee have also examined the By-Laws of said Lodge, and do not discover anything therein inconsistent with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge or the general regulations of Masonry. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Charity Lodge No. —— at Paintville, Wayne county.

Which report was accepted, and resolution agreed to.

The same committee, to whom was referred the application of Jefferson Lodge, at Jefferson, Ashtabula county, submittted the following report:

That they had had the same under consideration, and they find that since the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge, a dispensation has been granted by the Grand Master, to a number of brethren to hold a Lodge in Jefferson, Ashtabula county, by the name of Jefferson Lodge; that under said dispensation the brethren have organized their Lodge, adopted By-Laws and proceeded to work. But such dispensation has not been produced to your committee, nor have they any other knowledge of its having been granted than through the statements of a brother, and the proceedings of

said Jefferson Lodge. Your committee entertain no doubt of the propriety of a dispensation being returned to the Grand Lodge whenever an application is made by the Lodge working under a dispensation, for a charter; but they have been unable to find any provision in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge expressly requiring the surrender of a dispensation as a pre-requisite to obtaining a charter. Your committee have examined the record of the proceedings of said Lodge and find said proceedings to have been regular and agreeable to correct usage; they have also examined the By-Laws of said Lodge, and are of opinion that they contain nothing contrary or repugnant to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Jefferson Lodge No. ——, held at Jefferson, Ashtabula county, on the return of the dispensation granted to said Jefferson Lodge by the Grand Master.

Which report was accepted, and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Lytle* laid before the Grand Lodge the dispensation of Centre Lodge, at Johnstown, Licking county; together with the By-Laws and proceedings of said Lodge; which, on motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Fielding* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That no new Lodge, working under the authority of a dispensation, shall be entitled to receive a charter until the dispensation thereof shall have been returned to the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Dietrick* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the dues from the several subordinate Lodges, for the last year, be remitted, to be expended by said subordinate Lodges respectively, for charitable purposes.

On motion of Brother *Corwin*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last grand communication, upon the appeal of Willard M. Smith, be discharged.

On motion of Brother *Spangler* the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That Georgetown Lodge No. ——, have until the next annual grand communication, to settle with Friendship Lodge, No. ——.

On motion of Brother *Foster*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed on Foreign Communications, and to report on the same to this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Foster, Goodenow and Corwin were appointed said committee.

Brother *Foster* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the consideration of the amendment, proposed by Brother Samuel R. Miller, to the fifth article of the By-Laws, at the last grand communication, be postponed until the next grand communication.

On motion, the above resolution, offered by Brother Foster, was reconsidered, and the resolution offered at the last grand communication, by brother Miller, was taken up, and the fifth article of the By-Laws was so amended as to strike out "private seals," and insert "official signatures."

On motion of Bother *McAboy*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer give the lectures on the three degrees, this afternoon, if time admit.

Brother *Corwin*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the proceedings of Temperance Lodge No. 73, recommending the restoration of Amos Evans to all the rights and the privileges of Masonry, which he enjoyed previous to his expulsion, reported:

That said committee had had the same under consideration, and after a careful examamination, they are satisfied, that though the conduct of said Amos Evans has heretofore been reprehensible, and that his expulsion was merited, yet, that he has repented and reformed, and that, in the opinion of this committee, he ought, as an act of justice, to be restored. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Amos Evans be, and he hereby is, restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, which he enjoyed previous to his expulsion.

Which report was adopted and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Fracker* introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the first article of the By-Laws be amended, by striking out the word "Columbus," and inserting the word "Zanesville."

The above resolution was seconded and laid over for consideration, until the next grand communication, in 1828.

Brother *Goodenow* introduced the following resolution, which was seconded and laid over for consideration, until the next grand communication, in 1828.

Resolved, That the first article of the By-Laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

Brother *Stone*, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Western Star Lodge No. 21, praying for liberty to change the place of holding their communications, made the following report:

That, in the opinion of your committee, the prayer of said petition is reasonable and ought to be granted. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Western Star Lodge No. 21 be permitted hereafter to hold their communications at Boardman, in the county of Trumbull.

Which report was accepted, and the resolution agreed to.

Brother *Foster*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, reported:

That said committee had examined the communications addressed to the Grand Lodge of this state, in the course of the past year, and find no particular subject requiring the attention of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Spangler*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

That they have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them to have been correctly kept.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge there remained in the Treasury the sum of..	$1129.01
Since which time there has been paid out the sum of.....	400.52
Balance.....	$728.49
Interest charged on the above balance, agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, dated January 12, 1825.....	43.71
Since the last settlement there has been received into the Grand Treasury the sum of	249 00
Leaving a total balance in the Treasury on the fourth day of January, 1827.....	$1021.20

Brother *Sherman*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the application of Centre Lodge, in Johnstown, Licking county, for a charter, reported:

That said committee had had the same under consideration, and beg leave respectfully to report: That a dispensation was granted to said Centre Lodge, by the present Grand Master; that said Lodge has, under said dispensation, been organized, adopted By-Laws and proceeded to work. Your committee have examined the By-Laws of said Centre Lodge and find the same consistent with the By-Laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge. They have also examined the mode of proceedings of said Lodge and find nothing in their proceedings so irregular as to induce your committee to believe that a charter ought not to be granted. Your committee would however state, that in the records of the proceedings of said Lodge, at a meeting held on the 31st of October, A. L. 5826, an entry appears in the following words: "The committee appointed to take cognizance of all unmasonic conduct, preferred the following charges against Brother Joseph H. Dent, living within the jurisdiction of this Lodge, to wit: That the said Joseph H. Dent stated, in substance, that a profession of Masonry is inconsistent with the Christian religion, and that there is no good in it. *Voted*, That Brother J. H. Dent be served with a copy of said charges and summoned to appear at the next regular communication." In the record of the proceedings of a meeting of said Lodge, on the 12th December 1826, is the following entry: "*Voted*, That the case of Brother Joseph H. Dent be referred to the Grand Lodge, for information and instruction." Your committee, on examining the records of said Lodge, could not avoid noticing the charge in said Lodge against J. H. Dent, and the disposition thereof; but they conceived it was not their province to inquire or ascertain the proper information and instruction to be given to Centre Lodge. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Centre Lodge, in Johnstown Licking county.

Resolved, That so much of the records of said Lodge as relates to any charge or charges against J. H. Dent, and the proceedings of said Lodge thereon, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

Which report was accepted and resolutions were agreed to.

Brother *Corwin*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the application of Center Lodge to this Grand Lodge, for information and instruction as to a charge preferred by that Lodge against Brother Joseph H. Dent, had the same under consideration and made the following report: That in the opinion of this committee, the conduct of said Joseph H. Dent, as represented on the papers from Centre Lodge aforesaid, is unmasonic, and that said Lodge has jurisdiction thereof; but this committee conceive that said Lodge has not strictly complied with the By-Laws and resolutions of this Grand Lodge, in the mode pursued by them in preferring said charges, inasmuch as it does not appear that said Joseph H. Dent was ever notified of said charges, or served with a copy thereof. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, Centre Lodge has jurisdiction of the charges pending against Joseph H. Dent, and that the conduct of said Joseph H. Dent, as represented to us, is unmasonic.
2. That the Grand Lodge recommends to Centre Lodge a strict compliance with the By-Laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge in relation to the manner in which charges in subordinate Lodges are to be preferred and conducted.

On motion, said report was adopted and resolutions agreed to.

Brother *King* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay Brother Moses Levi, of Chillicothe, the sum of sixty dollars; forty dollars for the use of the widow of Allison C. Looker, deceased; and twenty dollars for the use of the widow of Thomas Steele, deceased.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee appointed to consider and report on the powers

of subordinate Lodges to require of Master Masons, residing within their respective jurisdictions, who are not members of a regular Lodge, to contribute to a Charity Fund, have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that subordinate Lodges do possess the power to require of *all* Master Masons residing within their respective vicinities, to contribute pecuniary aid to purposes strictly Masonic; but that such power should not be exercised except with much caution and deliberation.

Which report, on motion, was accepted and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Corwin* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the sum of thirty dollars to Brother Lanier, for the use of the widow of our deceased Brother, Martin Earhart.

On motion of Brother *Foster*, the business which had been assigned for the evening was taken up; whereupon, the Grand Lodge went into an election of its officers for the year ensuing; and the votes being counted, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. John M. Goodenow, of Steubenville, Jefferson county, Grand Master.
R. W. Thomas Corwin, of Lebanon, Warren county, Deputy Grand Master.
" " William R. Foster, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Roswell Stone, of Warren, Trumbull county, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Franklin county, Grand Treasurer.
" " Bela Latham, Columbus, Franklin county, Grand Secretary.
" " Walter M. Blake, of New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, Grand Marshal.
" " George C. Sedgwick, of Zanesville, Muskingum county, Grand Chaplain.
" " Robert T. Lytle, of Cincinnati, Hamilton county, Grand Orator.
" " David Spangler, of Zanesville, Muskingum county, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " William Coolman, of Ravenna, Portage county, Grand Junior Deacon.
" William John, of Columbus, Franklin county, Grand Tyler.
" William Fielding, of Sidney, Shelby county, Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Brother *Corwin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to Brother Pardon Sprague the sum of twenty dollars; the one-half thereof for the use of the widow of Col. G. Shippey, the other for the widow of Maj. A. Strong.

Brother *Sherman* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge pay to Brother William W. Irvin, for the use of Brother Alexander Montgomery, the sum of fifty dollars.

Brother *Hamer* laid before the Grand Lodge the appeal of Daniel Hankins, a suspended Brother from Clermont Social Lodge, and the proceedings of said Lodge in his case; which, on motion, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until Wednesday morning 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 10, 1827.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present—R. W. Past Grand Master, Charles R. Sherman, in the Chair.

Whereupon, on motion, the officers elect were installed in due and ancient form, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

On motion of Brother *Satterthwaite*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer be excused from visiting any subordinate Lodge, except upon the request, and at the expense of such subordinate Lodge who shall call on him, for the year ensuing.

Brother *Corwin*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of John Kelley, beg leave to report, that they find that St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, in Dayton, Ohio, without summons or notice served upon said John Kelley, ordered, by resolution, that said John Kelley be published as an impostor and an unworthy Mason—and that publication was accordingly made; that said Kelley is neither expelled or suspended by the proceedings aforesaid. Your committee are unable to determine the grievance between said John Kelley and St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, from the papers and facts submitted to them, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, to meet at Dayton, Ohio, on the 20th day of February next, whose duty it shall be to inquire into, and report to this Grand Lodge the facts upon which the proceedings in St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, were had against Brother John Kelley, together with a full copy of the proceedings had therein; and that said Kelley and the Lodge aforesaid have liberty to appear before said committee and prove their several allegations in the premises.

2. That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that said John Kelley is not deprived of the privileges and benefits of Masonry, but from all that appears to this committee he is in good standing.

The above report was accepted, and resolutions agreed to; and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint, on the first of the above resolutions, Brothers Phineas Ross, John Satterthwaite and Thomas Corwin, said committee.

On motion of Brother *Dietrick*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brothers Latham, Sterling and Olmsted, be a committee to inspect, enroll, and superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings of this grand communication, and that three hundred copies of the same be distributed in the usual manner; and that Brother Latham be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of expenses incurred in the same.

On motion, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved. That the decision of Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, in the case of Daniel Hankins, whereby said Hankins was suspended from the privileges of Masonry for the term of ten years, be, and the same are hereby reversed and annulled; and that said Hankins be, and is hereby, restored to all the Masonic rights and privileges he enjoyed prior to said proceedings.

On motion of Brother *Corwin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, be permitted to meet for the purpose of working as a Lodge, alternately at Miamisburg, in the county of Montgomery, and at Franklin, in the county of Warren, during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Chaplin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the proceedings and minutes of Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, to report at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers O. T. Fishback, J. D. Morris and T. L. Hamer were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Richman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, That the Treasurer of this Lodge pay to Brother John Leidy the sum of twenty dollars, for the use of the widow of Brother Roswell Mills, deceased.

Brother *Stokeley*, from the joint committee appointed at the last grand communication to inquire into the expediency of erecting a Masonic Hall suitable for the accommodation of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Ohio, with authority to select a suitable site, and solicit donations for the same, made the following report:

That having given to that duty due attention, upon consideration, they submit to the M. W. Grand Lodge the different propositions that have been made to them on that subject, leaving to the wisdom and discretion of the Grand Lodge the selection of the most suitable site for the location of a Masonic Hall, which your committee deem very necessary for the accommodation of this Grand Lodge, and which, they recommend, should be such as would do honor to the wealth, respectability and taste of the Fraternity:

The undersigned, in behalf of the Masonic Societies of *Cincinnati*, beg leave to propose, for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, that in the event of the Grand Lodge making a donation of three thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a Grand Masonic Hall in Cincinnati, and the said Hall be erected by donations made by the Fraternity, then the Grand Hall shall be the exclusive property of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; but should they fail to obtain such donations, and they be thereby compelled to raise eleven thousand dollars by the creation of stock, and the Grand Lodge make an investment of three thousand dollars in the said stock, then the Grand Lodge shall receive such dividend as the funds of the institution shall authorize them to declare.

WILLIAM R. FOSTER,
ROBERT T. LYTLE.

The brethren and citizens of *Zanesville*, provided the Grand Masonic Hall shall be erected there, propose to give a site on the public square, and two thousand dollars in money, materials and labor, towards the erection of the same, and the use of their Hall until the Grand Hall is completed.

The town of *Columbus* proposes to the Grand Lodge a site, which they suppose can be obtained on the public square, or if not obtained, one in as eligible a situation in said town, reserving to themselves the right to occupy the building themselves, except when the same shall be necessary for the meetings of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, and the sum of one thousand dollars.

The town of *New Lancaster* offer to the Grand Lodge the use of a Public Hall in said town, which is erected over the Market-house, and which has been used for the meetings of the Lodge in that place.

The Masonic Lodge of *Worthington* offers to the Grand Lodge the free use of the Masonic Hall in that place forever.

And all the above propositions are accompanied, from the respective places from which they have been made, with an invitation to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, to occupy the Masonic Halls in the respective places above mentioned, until a suitable building shall be erected.

Brother *Sherman* introduced the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That a committee of five members be appointed, to act jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, with authority to receive from subordinate Lodges, or any individuals, or company, donations of, or proposals to give land for a site, money or other property, for or toward the erecting and finishing a suitable Masonic Hall, for the accommodation of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Ohio.

2. That each member of said committee shall continue to receive any and all proposals that may be made to them, or either of them, for the use and purpose aforesaid, until the first day of June next; and each member of said committee shall, immediately thereafter, transmit to the Grand Secretary the proposals so made to him; and the Grand Secretary shall, on or before the 15th of July next, cause the same to be printed, and two numbers thereof forwarded to each subordinate Lodge, and one number to each of the Officers of the Grand Lodge and the members of the committee.

3. That no proposals to give personal property or money, shall be received by the committee, or any member thereof, if the donation of the same be subject to any condition other than the erection of a Masonic Hall at the place proposed by the donors.

4. That every offer or proposal to furnish a site for a Masonic Hall, must contain an offer to convey such site to such persons as the Grand Lodge may direct, for the use of the Grand Lodge, or to make such grant or other assurance, as will vest in the Grand Lodge the perpetual use of the same, for the purpose aforesaid, or such proposal shall be disregarded by said Grand Lodge.

5. That said committee be directed to form, make and present to the Grand Lodge, a plan of and for said Masonic Hall, with an estimate of the probable expense of the erection and completion thereof.

To these was added by Brother *Swan*, the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the said committee present to the Grand Lodge at its next communication, all propositions for donations, which shall be made to them and by them rejected.

On the above resolutions the following committee was appointed, to wit: Brothers Samuel Stokeley, of Jefferson county; Roswell Stone, of Warren, Trumbull county; Gustavus Swan, of Columbus; Wm. R. Foster, of Cincinnati, and Wm. Steele, of Chillicothe.

On motion of Brother *Sherman*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to Brother P. Benedict the sum of twenty dollars, to and for the use of the widow of our deceased Brother, John Boalt, formerly of Portland, Huron county.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments:

Brother Gotlieb Lightnicker, Grand Steward.
" James W. Lanier, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers P. H. Olmsted, Samuel Crosby, Grand Pursuivants.

Brother *Spangler*, from the committee on Accounts, moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to Brother William John, the sum of $14.40, the amount of his account, as Grand Steward and Tyler, during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Corwin* the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that no Mason, of any degree, has a right to vote on any subject agitated in a Lodge, unless he be a member of such Lodge.

Brother *Chaplin* introduced the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That whenever any subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall alter or amend its By-Laws, it shall be the duty of such subordinate Lodge to make a report, and transmit a copy thereof to this Lodge, at the next ensuing grand communication.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, eleven o'clock.

Thursday, January 11th, 1827.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brother Wm. Lattimer on the committee of Accounts, in the place of Brother John T. Fracker, who was absent.

On motion of Brother *Chaplin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that every Master Mason, in good standing, is entitled to receive a diploma from the Lodge of which he is a member; and that it be recommended to the several subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to grant to every Brother a diploma, on his receiving the third degree.

On motion of Brother *Sherman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary furnish a copy of the resolutions for the receiving of proposals for or towards the erection of a Masonic Hall, to each member of the committee appointed thereon.

On motion of Brother *Corwin*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to superintend the printing of the minutes of this grand communication, be, and are hereby, authorized and instructed, to receive proposals for the printing thereof, and procure the same to be done on the cheapest terms, provided the same be done in a workmanlike manner.

Brother *Lattimer*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Accounts having examined the account exhibited by the Grand Secretary, amounting to one hundred seventy-two dollars eighty-one and one half cents, beg leave to report, that they have found the same correct, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of the past year, be allowed the sum of twenty-seven dollars for issuing nine dispensations.

2 That the Grand Secretary of the past year, be allowed the sum of forty-five dollars, for issuing nine charters.

3. That the Grand Secretary of the past year, be allowed by this Grand Lodge, the sum of twelve dollars, for renewing four charters.

4. That the Grand Secretary of the past year, be allowed by this Grand Lodge, the sum of ten dollars eighty-one and one half cents, on account of postage, for the use of the Grand Lodge, for the past year.

5. That the Grand Secretary of the past year, be allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars, for attending last annual communication and making record of the proceedings of the same.

6. That the Grand Secretary of the past year, be allowed the sum of fifty dollars, for transacting business for the Grand Lodge during vacation.

7. That the Grand Secretary of the past year, be allowed by this Grand Lodge, the sum of three dollars, for stationery, &c., for the use of the same.

8. That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sums of money allowed and granted in the foregoing resolutions.

All which resolutions were agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Lytle* the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That no Master Mason shall be prohibited from speaking on any question arising in any subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, of which he is not a member, where the general principles of the Order are involved, provided that leave be always asked of the presiding officer of said Lodge.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was adjourned to the second Monday in January, 1828.

JOHN M. GOODENOW, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

BELA LATHAM, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, on the second Monday [14th] of January, A. D. 1828—A. L. 5828.

M. W. THOMAS CORWIN, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother EZRA GRISWOLD, Delaware.]

THE Most Worshipful GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, assembled in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the second Monday of January, A. D. 1828, A. L. 5828.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. THOMAS CORWIN, Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master.
R. W. ABRAM I. MCDOWELL, Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM R. FOSTER, Grand Senior Warden.
" WILLIAM GREENE, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
" LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
" BELA LATHAM, Grand Secretary.
" JAMES PEARCE, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" THOMAS ORR, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM JOHNS, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Master's degree in due form.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Fielding, R. T. Lytle and H. Kilbourn.
On Credentials—Brothers Gustavus Swan, T. R. Ross and D. Spangler.

Brother *Swan*, from the committee on Credentials, made report: That they had examined the returns made to this Grand Lodge, and find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
2.	N. C. Harmony	Arva Wilson.
3.	Erie	Francis Freeman, P. P. Spalding, Ed. Spear.
4.	New England	John Snow, John McCullen, Samuel Wilson.
5.	Amity	D. Spangler, R. Stewart, D. W. Rhodes.
6.	Scioto	Thomas Orr, E. King, J. Bailhache.
7.	Morning Dawn	George House.
8.	Harmony	Br's McCord and McGrew.
9.	Mt. Zion	Henry B. Curtis.
11.	Centre Star	Leonard Humphrey.
12.	Unity	William Coolman.
13.	St. Johns'	Bro. Skinner.
14.	Franklin	Wm. Fielding.
16.	Belmont	W. B. Hubbard.
17.	Washington	Charles K. Smith.
19.	Jerusalem	Titus Brockway.
21.	Western Star	Wm. Ripley.
23.	Pickaway	Nelson Franklin.
25.	Paramuthia	Elisha Hibbert.
26.	Lebanon	Thomas R. Ross, John Satterthwaite.
28.	Temple	Samuel Wheeler.
29.	Clermont Social	Jonathan D. Morris.
30.	Ohio	G. Swan, J. Pearce, A. I. McDowell.
31.	Golden Rule	Geo. B. Holt.
33.	Ebenezer	John Smith, J. H. Larwill.
34.	Middlebury	Wm. Coolman.
38.	Highland	Moses H. Kirby.
42.	Western Phœnix	Charles C. Paine.
43.	West Union	John McDaid.
44.	Columbia	Bela Latham.
46.	Miami	William Greene.
48.	Aurora	G. S. B. Hemstead.
50.	Science	Geo. Anderson, H. Kilbourn, A. Root.
53.	Charity	H. Carpenter.
55.	Eastern Star	Thomas C. Livingston.
57.	Lancaster	James Rice, J. D. Dietrick, Jos. Grubb.
58.	Medina	Gustavus Swan.
59.	New Philadelphia	William Fielding.
60.	Canton	A. I. McDowell.
61.	Bethel	Jonathan D. Morris.
63.	Evergreen	Samuel Wheeler.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Theodore Baker, Benjamin Camron.
65.	New Lisbon	Fisher A. Blocksom.
66.	Guernsey	J. M. Bell, A. Metcalf.
67.	Oxford	Joel Collins.
69.	Meridian Sun	James Moore.
71.	Chester	Theodore Nye.
72.	Georgetown	Thomas L. Hamer, J. J. Higgins.
73.	Temperance	William Fielding.
74.	Wadsworth	Lincoln Goodale.
76.	Somerset	E. Richmond, J. Leidy.
78.	Village	Charles C. Paine.
79.	Lafayette	Joshua Downer, A. R. Cassidy.
80.	Morning Star	G. W. Jewett.
81.	Lafayette	W. R. Foster, R. T. Lytle.
82.	Bolivar	J. B. Stephens.
84.	Warren	R. B. Mann, A. A. Williams, H. Burnham.
85.	Charity	Joseph H. Larwill.
86.	Centre	Jacob Baker.

The constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the GRAND LODGE was declared duly organized for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Pearce*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the proceedings of the last grand communication be dispensed with.

Thereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Bailhache, Blocksom and Spangler.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Fielding, Pearce and Anderson.
On Grievances—Brothers Hamer, Hubbard and Swan.

On motion of Brother *T. R. Ross*, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine a Masonic carpet, exhibited by Brother M'Cord, on behalf of Mr. Hite, for the inspection of the Grand Lodge, and if approved, to report to this Lodge their opinion as to the expediency of purchasing the same.

Whereupon, Brothers Ross, M'Cord and Lytle, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Greene*, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge, by the representative of Miami Lodge No. 46, that the charter of said Lodge has been mislaid or lost: *Therefore*,

1. *Resolved*, That a new charter, with the name and number of the former one, be executed and delivered to said Miami Lodge No. 46, at their costs.

2. That the Master of said Lodge, for the time being, be, and he is hereby directed, should the former charter be found, to forward the same, when found, to the Grand Secretary, to be by him canceled.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the unfinished business of the last grand communication, and to report the same.

Whereupon, Brothers Lytle, Orr and House were appointed said committee.

On motion, the By-Laws, proceedings and dispensation of Montgomery Lodge; the By-Laws, proceedings and dispensation of Friendship Lodge, at Barnsville; the By-Laws, proceedings and dispensation of Germantown Lodge; a petition of certain brethren at Woodsfield, Monroe county, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge at that place; and the By-Laws of Bolivar Lodge, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Greene*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven members be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of changing the time and place of holding the annual communications of this Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Wm. Greene, C. R. Sherman, R. T. Lytle, John Satterthwaite, Thomas L. Hamer, Gustavus Swan and Joshua Downer were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Thomas R. Ross*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all letters and communications upon the subject of Masonry, received from individuals and foreign Grand Lodges, by the Grand Secretary, during the las year, be referred to a committee of seven.

Whereupon, Brothers Ross, C. K. Smith, Noyce, Jewett, Larwill, Bell and Orr were appointed said committee.

Brother *Lytle*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, reported:

That the following subjects come properly before the Grand Lodge at their present communication, viz:

1st. The resolution of Brother Fracker, relative to the amendment of the first article of the By-Laws.

2d. The resolution of Brother Goodenow, relative to the repeal of the 1st article of the By-Laws.

3d. The report of the special committee (consisting of Brothers Phineas Ross, John Satterthwaite and Thomas Corwin) relative to the proceedings of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, in the case of John Kelly.

4th. The report of the special committee, consisting of Brothers Fishback, Hamer and Morris, appointed to examine the proceedings and minutes of Clermont Social Lodge No. 29.

5th. The report of a committee relative to the selection of a site for the erection of a Grand Masonic Hall.

6th. The resolution respecting the difficulty between Georgetown Lodge and Friendship Lodge.

Brother *Fielding*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Germantown Lodge, working under the authority of a dispensation from the Grand Lodge, and the By-Laws and proceedings of Jefferson Lodge, held at Middletown, together with the By-Laws and proceedings of Friendship Lodge, at Barnsville, likewise working under the authority of a dispensation, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report: That they find the By-Laws of those several

Lodges to be in perfect accordance with the principles of Masonry, their proceedings neatly and regularly kept, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Germantown Lodge No. —, held in Germantown, Montgomery county.
2. That a charter be granted to Jefferson Lodge No. —, held in Middletown, Butler county.
3. That a charter be granted to Friendship Lodge No. —, held in Barnsville.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Greene*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the committee on Unfinished Business as relates to the resolutions of Brothers Fracker and Goodenow, relative to the amendment of the first article of the By-Laws, be referred to the committee appointed to report upon the expediency of changing the time and place of holding the annual communications of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Clinton Lodge, the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Chardon Lodge, and the petition of certain brethren, praying for a dispensation for a Lodge at Burlington, Lawrence county, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Hamer*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of James Williamson, from the sentence of expulsion pronounced against him by Morning Star Lodge No. 80, made the following report:

That they have had the papers, documents and transcripts relating to said case under consideration, and find that the charge against him was "habitual drunkenness," an offense which your committee deem (in a Mason) of a most degrading and unpardonable character; that from a *minute* in the proceedings, there seems to have been proof before the Lodge of the truth of the charge; but of what that proof consisted, does not appear, neither is there any evidence returned, upon either side, of the truth or falsehood of the allegation.

From a memorial presented to your committee, on behalf of the appellant, it seems that he strenuously denies the truth of the charges preferred against him, and requests an opportunity to adduce testimony in support of his innocence. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Geo. W. Jewett be and he is hereby appointed a committee on behalf of this Grand Lodge, to receive such testimony in relation to the charges aforesaid, as may be furnished him, either on the part of Morning Star Lodge, or on the part of the said James Williamson, and that he report the same to the Grand Lodge at their next annual communication.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Pearce*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Warren Lodge No. 84, held in the town of Milford, Union county; and also the By-Laws of Bolivar Lodge No. 82, held in the town of Eaton, reported:

That they have examined the same and find them amended, as required by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication.

Which report was accepted, and the amendments approved.

On motion of Brother *Hamer*, the By-Laws of Georgetown Lodge, as amended since the last grand communication, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Hamer*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last grand communication to examine the proceedings of Clermont Social Lodge, have until the next grand communication to make their report.

On motion of Brother *Hamer*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Georgetown Lodge No. 72, be allowed until the next annual grand communication to settle with Friendship Lodge, and that they report to this Grand Lodge at that time the result of their proceedings.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 15, 1828.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Orr*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will go into the election of its officers for the ensuing year on this evening.

Brother *T. R. Ross*, from the committee appointed on yesterday, to examine a masonic carpet, exhibited by Brother M'Cord, on behalf of Mr. Hite, for the inspection of the Grand Lodge, and if approved of, to report to this Lodge their opinion as to the expediency of the Grand Lodge purchasing the same, reported:

That the committee have had the subject under their consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be and he is authorized to purchase the Masonic carpet mentioned in the foregoing resolution, provided the same does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars.

And be it further resolved, That this Lodge shall pay for the same by giving to Harmony Lodge No. 8, held at Urbana, a credit for the amount of said carpet.

All which, on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Brother *Swan*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the fifth article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words "*under the Seal thereof.*"

The Grand Master appointed Brother Spangler as an additional member of the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Baker*, the By-Laws of Centre Lodge, as amended, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Skinner* laid before the Grand Lodge certain resolutions from St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, relative to the children of Brother Benjamin K. Spinning, deceased, which, on motion, were referred to a select committee of two, to wit—Brothers Skinner and Dietrick.

On motion of Brother *Orr*, the communication received by the Secretary, relative to Army Lodge, was referred to a committee of three, to wit—Brothers Orr, Snow and Downer.

Brother *Foster*, from the joint committee appointed at the last grand communication, with authority to receive from subordinate Lodges, or any

individuals or company, donations of, or proposals to give land for a site, money, or other property for or towards erecting and furnishing a suitable Masonic Hall, for the accommodation of the Grand Chapter and Grand Lodge of Ohio, made the following report:

That they have, in the course of the past year, received the following propositions, which they present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

1st. Brother John Snow, on behalf of the Masonic Family at *Worthington*, tenders to the Grand Lodge the Masonic Hall in that place, provided the grand communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held there.

2d. Brother Joshua Downer, on behalf of the Masonic Family at *Zanesville*, offers a site on the public square, estimated to be worth one thousand dollars; also, money, labor and materials to the amount of $2,822, provided the Grand Lodge shall be removed to that place.

3d. The Ohio Lodge and Chapter have adopted resolutions offering one thousand dollars if said building shall be erected at *Columbus*.

4th. The *Lancaster* Lodge and Chapter offer to give three hundred dollars, provided the Grand Lodge Hall shall be built at Columbus.

The brethren representing the Masonic Fraternity in *Cincinnati*, have addressed the following communication to your committee:

5th. "The first undersigned is authorized by Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, of Cincinnati, to tender to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of the State of Ohio, the use and occupation of their Masonic Hall in Cincinnati, for all the purposes of those institutions for as long a period as they may desire to occupy the same

The three last undersigned, with the view to the permanent location of the Grand Lodge and Chapter in *Cincinnati*, are satisfied, in full consideration of the subject, that they may with safety and propriety, assume the personal responsibility, and they do hereby assume the responsibility of guaranteeing to the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the erection, within the period of two years from this time, of an edifice, on an eligible site in Cincinnati, the cost of which shall not be less than fifteen thousand dollars, embracing all the necessary apartments, upon an appropriate scale, for the accommodation of the two Grand Bodies, which apartments shall be secured to the use and occupation of the two Grand Bodies forever.

ARVA WILSON,
WILLIAM GREENE,
WILLIAM R. FOSTER,
ROBERT T. LYTLE.

January 14th, 1828.

6th. A donation of ten dollars is proposed to be made by N. Light Lodge.

On motion, certain documents from Brother Sedgwick, together with an appeal of Rev. James McAboy, from the suspension of Paramuthia Lodge, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Corwin*, from the committee appointed to inquire of, and report to the Grand Lodge the proceedings of St. Johns' Lodge in relation to their publication of John Kelly as an unworthy Mason, made the following report:

That they have found it impracticable for them, during the past year, to attend to the business assigned them; they have, however, endeavored to ascertain the grounds upon which the aforesaid Lodge proceeded, in the matter in question, and they are satisfied that the said Lodge has been guilty of irregular and unmasonic conduct, in their manner of conducting the aforesaid proceedings.

1st. In ordering the said John Kelly to be published as guilty of gross unmasonic conduct, without first charging him with some specific offense, and having the same regularly filed in the Lodge, and recorded upon their minutes.

2d. By acting upon reports, or certificates of persons not Masons, and not under oath, and upon facts thus ascertained, proceeding to publish the said Kelly, as aforesaid. Your committee have examined the papers furnished to this Grand Lodge, as contain-

ing the evidence upon which St. Johns' Lodge acted, in the case in question, and find that they are entitled to no other consideration than mere report, not attested by the solemnities required, as we conceive, in every case, where a member of the fraternity is to be affected by any adjudication of his brethren. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge considers the proceedings of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, in relation to Brother John Kelly, which have been appealed to the Grand Lodge, as improper, and contrary to the usages of our Order.

Resolved, That said John Kelly be, and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of the Order, as fully as he possessed the same prior to the proceedings and publication aforesaid.

Which report was accepted and the resolutions were agreed to.

Brother *Bailhache*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

That they have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find the same to be correct.

That the balance remaining in the Treasury on the 4th day of January, 1828 amounted to	$1021.21
Since which there has been paid, including one installment of $50, in stock in Columbus bank, the sum of	495.11
Leaving a balance of	$526.00
Interest on the above balance, agreeably to resolution, since last settlement	31.56
Received since last settlement	501.00
Total balance, remaining in Treasury, January 15, 1828	$1058.65

The capital of this Grand Lodge, exclusive of the above balance, consists of the following:

Six shares of the capital stock of the bank of Chillicothe, all paid up	$600.00
Ten shares of the capital stock of the Franklin bank of Columbus, of which $60 has been paid on each share	600.00
	$1200.00

On motion of Brother *Satterthwaite*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to whom all applications for Charity shall be referred during the present communication.

Whereupon Brothers Satterthwaite, Benedict and Swan were appointed said committee:

Brother *Hamer* introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That no subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall hereafter apply for an act of incorporation, without first having obtained the consent of this Grand Lodge.

Which, after considerable discussion, was ordered to be postponed until the next annual communication, for further consideration.

Brother *Orr*, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of the Army Lodge, asked and obtained leave for further time to report, until the next annual communication.

On motion of Brother *Greene*, the petition of Centre Star Lodge, relative to the wants and indigence of the widow of our deceased Brother, James Doud, was referred to the committee on Charity.

Brother *Hamer* introduced the following resolution, which was referred to the same committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Brother P. H. Olmstead the sum of $20, to be by him applied for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother James Young, deceased.

Brother *Pearce*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

That they have examined the petition of nine Master Masons, of the town of Burlington, Lawrence county, praying for a dispensation, or warrant, to commence a Lodge under the name of Minerva Lodge No. ——, in said town; which report is accompanied by the recommendation of Aurora Lodge No. 48. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Which report was accepted, and resolution adopted.

Also, the same committee made the following report:

That they have carefully examined the proceedings and By-Laws of Western Sun Lodge, held in the town of Concord, under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge, and find the proceedings and By-Laws, with one exception, correct, and in accordance with the principles of Masonry. They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That a charter be granted to Western Sun Lodge No. —— held in the town of Concord.

2. That the Grand Lodge recommends to Western Sun Lodge, the alteration or amendment of the first section, in the third article of their By-Laws, so as to make the reading of said By-Laws, at least once per year, peremptory.

Which report was accepted, and the resolutions agreed to.

Also, the same committee made the following report:

That they had examined the By-Laws and proceedings of Clinton Lodge, in Coshocton county, working under a dispensation bearing date August 15, 1826, and find the same in strict accordance with the Constitution and principles of Masonry. They therefore recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Clinton Lodge No. ——, held in the town of Coshocton.

Which report was accepted, and the resolution was agreed to.

Also, the same committee made the following report:

That they have examined the By-Laws and proceedings of Chardon Lodge No. —— in Geauga county, and find them strictly in accordance to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge and the principles of Masonry in general. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Edward Paine and his associates, under the name of Chardon Lodge No. ——.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Spangler*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom has been referred the application of Evening Light Lodge No. ——, for a charter, have had the same under consideration, and now ask leave to report:

That a dispensation, bearing date the 9th day of August last, was granted to the brethren of said Lodge, by the M. W. Grand Master, authorizing them to work as a Lodge, in the town of Vienna, in the county of Trumbull. Your committee have care-

fully examined the By-Laws of said Lodge, also the minutes and proceedings; and after such examination, are compelled to say, that neither the one nor the other comport fully with the principles of Free Masonry; neither are they in accordance with the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, adopted for the government of subordinate Lodges.

The second resolution of this Grand Lodge is as follows:

Resolved, That all applications for initiation, or for membership, shall lie over, at least from one regular meeting to another, unless *three-fourths* of the members present decide the application to be a case of emergency.

The third section of the third article of the By-Laws of Evening Light Lodge provides that a vote of *two-thirds* of the members present shall be sufficient to determine a case of emergency, arising on applications for initiation.

In cases of applications of Master Masons, for membership, the first section of the sixth article of their By-Laws provides that a ballot may be taken at any regular communication. No provision is made for such applications lying over from one meeting to another. The foregoing provisions and omissions, are thought by your committee to be contrary to the spirit of the second resolution of the Grand Lodge before recited.

The By-Laws of said Lodge, are also deficient in omitting to provide for the appointment of any of the usual standing committees, which experience has taught us are necessary to the good government of all Masonic Lodges.

With regard to the proceedings of said Lodge, we would state, that the minutes show that there have been four initiations therein, since its organization, viz: Arad Merril, on the 21st day of August, 1827; which was the first meeting of said Lodge; at that meeting Mr. Merril was passed and raised. Benjamin Hoit was initiated and passed on the 28th of August, 1827. His petition was presented at the first meeting. On the 2d day of October, 1827, at a regular meeting, Joseph Rogers presented his petition and was initiated at the same meeting. On the 30th day of October 1827, the petition of Martin C. Way, for initiation, was presented, and at the same meeting he was initiated, passed and raised. Thus it appears that three of the four initiations referred to, took place at the same meetings at which the petitions were presented, and that in two instances three degrees were conferred at the meetings of application and initiation.

Your committee have also been furnished with evidence, that in the admission of Benjamin Hoit into that Lodge, the ancient land marks of the Order were violated.

Although the By-Laws of Evening Light Lodge are supposed to be imperfect, and its proceedings contrary to Masonic principles, so far as above specified, yet, your committee have no evidence before them, calculated to induce the belief that the brethren composing said Lodge have intentionally or willfully infringed upon, or violated any of the regulations of Free Masonry. Your committee have no doubt but that the errors of said Lodge, have proceeded from a want of a proper understanding, on the part of its members, of some of the rules and principles which ought to regulate and govern the proceedings of all Lodges.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the dispensation heretofore granted to Evening Light Lodge No. ——, by the M. W. Grand Master, be, and the same is hereby continued until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

2. That Evening Light Lodge No. —— be, and it is hereby required so to amend its By-Laws as to cure the defects pointed out in the foregoing report.

3. That a strict conformity to the provisions of the second resolution of the M. W. Grand Lodge, in relation to the admission of candidates, and of members, be recommended to said Lodge.

4. That the Grand Secretary transmit to Evening Light Lodge, forthwith, a copy of the foregoing report and resolutions, and also a copy of the By-Laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

Brother *Anderson*, from the same committee, made the following report:

That they have had under consideration the By-Laws and proceedings of Montgomery Lodge, held in the town of Montgomery, county of Hamilton, and find the By-

Laws of said Lodge, in strict conformity to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. That their proceedings appear to be neat and truly Masonic. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to said Lodge, under the name of Montgomery Lodge No. ——.

Which report was accepted and resolutions were agreed to.

Also reported:

That said committee had examined the amendments made to the By-Laws of Georgetown Lodge No. 27, and the amendments made to the By-Laws of Centre Lodge No. 86, and find them in strict accordance with the resolutions and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted, and the amendments approved of.

On motion, the business which had been assigned for the evening, was taken up; whereupon, the Grand Lodge went into an election of its officers, for the year ensuing, and the votes being counted, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. Thomas Corwin, of Lebanon, Grand Master.
R. W. Joshua Downer, of Zanesville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " George R. Fitzgerald, of Chillicothe, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Charles K. Smith, of Hamilton, Butler county, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " Bela Latham, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" " John Lmidy, of Somerset, Grand Marshal.
" " Robert Punshon, Cincinnati, Grand Chaplain.
" " David Spangler, Zanesville, Grand Orator.
" " Joseph Grubb, Lancaster, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Henry B. Curtis, Mt. Vernon, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William Fielding, Sidney, Grand Lecturer.
" " William John, Columbus, Grand Tyler.

On motion of Brother *Orr*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer be excused from visiting any subordinate Lodge, except on the request, and at the expense of such subordinate Lodge, who shall call on him for the year ensuing.

On motion of Brother *Swan*, the report of Brother Greene, from the committee appointed to report upon the expediency of changing the time and place of holding the grand annual communications of the Grand Lodge, and to whom was referred so much of the unfinished business of the last grand communication, as relates to the amendments of the first article of the By-Laws, was taken up, and after some amendments, was adopted.

The committee, to consider and report upon the expediency of changing the time and place of holding the grand annual communication of this Grand Lodge, and to whom was referred so much of the unfinished business of the last grand communication, as relates to amendments to the first article of the By-Laws, beg leave, as the result of their deliberations, to report the following resolution, which they recommend to the adoption of the Grand Lodge, viz:

Resolved, That the first article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be so altered, as that the time of future grand annual communications shall be, *the* FIRST *Monday in January*, and the place of holding them, be in Columbus.

Brother *Fielding*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of a number of Brethren, praying for a

charter to establish a Lodge in the town of Woodsfield, in the county of Monroe, by the name of Woodsfield Lodge, made the following report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find the petition signed by a competent number of brethren, Master Masons, recommended by Belmont and Friendship Lodges, vouching for the Masonic abilities of the petitioners. Your committee are of the opinion, that the recommendations of those Lodges accord with, and contain the spirit of the 15th article of the By Laws of the Grand Lodge, but are not in strict conformity with the letter, which is as follows, to wit:

"That no warrant or dispensation, for the institution of a new Lodge, shall be granted, except upon the petition of eight Master Masons, which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Lodge nearest to the place where the new Lodge is intended to be constituted, vouching for the moral characters and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Lodge, under whose authority they act, to grant the prayer of the petitioners."

The recommendation of Belmont Lodge No. 16, is in these words:

"The brethren, signers of the petition, are regular Master Masons, of good standing."

That of Friendship Lodge, in these words:

"*Resolved*, That this Lodge, do recommend the within petitioners, as worthy, regular Master Masons, and that we do recommend them to the Grand Lodge as capable of governing a Lodge."

Your committee discover, that the Grand Lodge, at the last annual communication, settled the principle, that, where a recommendation contains the spirit of the above recited By-Laws, it is proper to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Your committee beg leave further to state, that the petitioners pray directly for a charter of constitution, and not a dispensation, as has been uniformly the case, heretofore, on applications for the privilege of establishing a new Lodge. Your committee are of opinion, that the interests of the institution would be advanced, by granting the prayer of the petitioners, as they have no doubt as to the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, to conduct the business of Masonry in strict conformity to ancient usages; nor do your committee entertain a doubt of the constitutional right of this Grand Lodge to grant a charter directly, on application therefor, by a competent number of brethren, properly recommended; but your committee would, with great deference, and due respect to the petitioners, give it unhesitatingly as their opinion, that it is inexpedient to grant a charter to any number of petitioners, on their application, as by a precedent of that kind, many unforeseen difficulties might arise, productive of consequences injurious to the good and harmonious operations of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee would further remark, that the Brother named for Master in the petition, desires that the name of the new Lodge should be called *Clinton*, which was that, by which the petitioners, as he states, designed it should be, but were of opinion that the Grand Lodge would not grant their petition, if it contained the name of any Lodge, heretofore established by this Grand Lodge.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to David Scott, and others, to hold a Lodge in Woodsfield, in the county of Monroe, by the name of Clinton Lodge No. —.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1828.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Hamer* made the following report:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of the Rev. James McAboy, together with the proceedings of Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, in relation to

certain charges preferred against him, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and, after a careful examination of the facts, so far as they are presented in said papers, with the reasonings of the memorial, they are unable to arrive at any positive conclusion, with respect to the merits of the controversy, which would be satisfactory to themselves, as an act of justice to both parties; and, inasmuch as the memorialist pledges himself to appear here at the next annual communication, and desires a postponement of the decision, if any doubts should remain with the Grand Lodge, with respect to the propriety of his conduct; your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to take such testimony as may be presented to him, relative to the aforesaid difference, and report the same to the Grand Lodge, at its next annual grand communication.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to. And Brother David Spangler was appointed a committee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to take such testimony.

Brother *Jewett* introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no subordinate Lodge ought to initiate any candidate, unless such candidate does actually reside nearer to the Lodge where the application is made, than to any other Lodge—unless upon the recommendation of the Lodge, or the principal officers in the Lodge, nearest his residence.

Brother *Arva Wilson* introduced the following resolution, which was seconded and ordered to lie over until the next annual communication:

Resolved, That the first article of the By-Laws be amended, by striking out the words "first Monday in January," and inserting, in the place thereof, *first Monday of September*.

On motion of Brother *Dietrick*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the dues from the several subordinate Lodges, for the last year, be remitted, to be expended by said subordinate Lodges, respectively, for charitable purposes; and that each subordinate Lodge make return, to the next communication of this Grand Lodge, of the manner in which said dues have been expended.

On motion of Brother *Dietrick*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brothers Latham, Snow and Pearce, be a committee to inspect, enroll and superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings of this grand communication, and that 300 copies of the same, be distributed in the usual manner; and that Brother Latham be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer, for the amount of expenses incurred in the same.

On motion, the Grand Lodge went into an installation of its officers elect, and the officers elect were duly installed by our M. W. Past Grand Master, John Snow, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

On motion of Brother *Ross*,

The committee on Charity were discharged from the consideration of the duties assigned them.

On motion of Brother *Henry B. Curtis*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, as the sense of the Grand Lodge, That in all cases, where any subordinate Lodge has heretofore, or may hereafter, forward a recommendation to the Grand Lodge, in favor of any number of brethren, applying to the Grand Lodge to obtain a dispensation, a part or the whole of whom have been or may be members of such Lodge so recommending, such recommendation shall be considered as a dimission from the Lodge so recommending, so soon as such brethren shall have obtained such dispensation, and have become organized; *Provided*, such members thus dimitted, first pay all dues to which the Lodge may be entitled at the time.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS it has been made satisfactorily to appear unto the Grand Lodge, that Benjamin Bloomfield, and others, now of Friendship Lodge No. —, at Barnesville, heretofore sent by mail the sum of 40 dollars, directed to this Grand Lodge, and which was never received, whereby the loss of that amount has accrued to the said Benjamin Bloomfield and other individuals; *Therefore*,

Resolved, That the sum of $40 be, by this Grand Lodge, paid over to the hands of the Master of said Lodge, at Barnesville, to be by him applied to Benjamin Bloomfield and others, in proportion to their respective losses, in the said sum of $40, so sent by mail and lost as aforesaid.

On motion of Brother *Sherman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary give notice to all Lodges in arrears to the Grand Lodge, or who have not been represented in the Grand Lodge for the last two years, to appear at the next grand communication, to show cause why they should not be suspended from their privileges.

On motion of Brother *Robert T. Lytle*, the Grand Lodge reconsidered the vote taken on yesterday, upon the resolution of the Grand Lodge, fixing the place of holding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge at Columbus.

On motion a vote was then taken to fill the blank in said resolution, (it being declared by the chair, that the reconsideration of said vote left the blank to be filled,) with the word "Columbus;" which was decided in the negative, voting by Lodges; ayes 33, noes 65.

A motion was made to fill the blank with the word "Zanesville;" which was decided in the negative, voting by Lodges; ayes 35, noes 61.

A motion was then made to amend said resolution, by filling the blank with "Worthington;" which was decided in the affirmative, voting by Lodges; ayes 75, noes 33.

To which Brother *Sherman* offered the following amendment, to be added to said resolution, "until the close of the grand communication in 1830." Which was adopted.

The question was then taken on the resolution, as amended, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That the first article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be so altered as that the time of the future grand annual communications shall be the first Monday in January; and the place of holding them, be in Worthington, until the close of the grand communication in 1830.

And carried in the affirmative.

Brother *Foster* moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, as the opinion of the Grand Lodge, That any subordinate Lodge, legally authorized to work, may at all times take cognizance of charges and complaints preferred to said Lodge, against any Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Master Mason, although he may not be a member of said Lodge; and cause summons to issue, and proceedings to be had thereon in the same manner as said Lodge would be authorized to do if the person charged were actually a member thereof: *Provided, nevertheless*, that no charges can be acted upon, in any Lodge, under the aforesaid circumstances, except in the Lodge nearest to the residence of the person charged.

The following appointments were made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

Brother Gotlieb Lightnicker, Grand Steward.
Brother James W. Lanier, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers P. H. Olmstead, Samuel Crosby, Grand Pursuivants.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was adjourned until the first Monday in January, 1829; to meet at the Masonic Hall, in the town of Worthington, Franklin county.

THOMAS CORWIN, *Grand Master.*

Attest,

Bela Latham, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Worthington, January 5, A. D. 1829—A. L. 5829.

M. W. JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master.*

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The M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled in the town of Worthington, agreeably to their Constitution, on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1829, A. L. 5829.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Past Grand Master, as Grand Master.
R. W. JOSHUA DOWNER, Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN H JAMES, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. TIMOTHY BAKER, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. BELA LATHAM, Grand Secretary.
R. W. JAMES BOWEN, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
R. W. DAVID S. DAVIS, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM JOHN, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Master's degree in due form, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, viz:

On Credentials—Brothers Fales, Fracker and Benedict.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers H. D. Little, Metcalf and Meader.

Brother *Fales*, from the committee on Credentials, made report:

That they have examined the returns made to the Grand Lodge, and find the following Lodges duly represented to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
1.	American Union	James Bowen.
2.	N. C. Harmony	Daniel F. Meader.
4	New England	John Snow, Ira Metcalf, John McMullen
5.	Amity	Adam Peters —— Spaulding, —— Hill.
6.	Scioto	Pleasant Thurman.
7.	Morning Dawn	Wm. Fielding
8.	Harmony	Obed Hoir, J. H. James.
9.	Mount Zion	J. N. Burr, Hosmer Curtis.
10.	Meridian Orb	L. Humphrey.
11.	Center Star	L. Humphrey.
13.	St Johns	Stephen Fales.
16.	Belmont	Wm. Coolman.
18.	Hiram	Ezra Griswold.
21.	Western Star	P. H. Olmsted.
23.	Pickaway	Wm. B Thrall.
26.	Lebanon	J. Satterthwaite.
30.	Ohio	P. H. Olmsted, A. I. McDowell, H. D. Little.
31.	Golden Rule	John Searle.
33.	Ebenezer	Wm. Larwill.
37.	Mt. Moriah	Geo. Bowen, James Bowen.
43.	West Union	John L. Starling.

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representative.*
45.	Steubenville	Wm. Fielding.
46.	Miami	Elias Dudley.
48.	Aurora	N. K Clough.
49.	Xenia	J. Satterthwaite.
50.	Science	Platt Benedict.
53.	Charity	Nathan Huston.
54.	Milford	John Emery.
55.	Eastern Star	James Robinson.
57.	Lancaster	Joseph Grubb.
60.	Canton	Jos. H. Larwill.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Timothy Baker.
73.	Temperance	Wm. Fielding.
79.	Lafayette	J. T. Fracker, Joshua Downer.
80.	Morning Star	G. W. Jewett
81.	Lafayette	Daniel F. Meader, R. T. Lytle.
84.	Warren.	H. S. Amy, A. A. Williams
85.	Charity	J. H. Larwill.
86.	Centre	Henry Fasset.
88.	Germantown	David S. Davis.
90	Jefferson	D. S. Davis.
91.	Western Sun	N. K. Clough.
92.	Clinton	H. Curtiss
93	Chardon	Wm Coolman.

The constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was declared duly organized for the despatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Olmsted*,

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the proceedings of the last grand communication be dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers McDowell, Fracker and Thrall.

On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers James, Coolman and Horr.

On Grievances—Brothers Fales, Curtis and Satterthwaite.

On Unfinished Business—Brothers Peters, Olmsted and Jewett.

On Charity—Brothers Dudley, Thurman and Burr.

On Communications, etc., from Foreign Grand Lodges—Brothers Meader, Starling and Williams.

On motion, the By-Laws, proceedings and Dispensations of Miamisburg Lodge, Minerva Lodge, Newark Lodge and Vienna Lodge were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Peters*, the report of Brother Spangler, who was appointed at the last communication of this Grand Lodge to examine into the complaints of Brother McAboy and the decision of Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, in relation to charges filed against him, was referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Brother *Jewett*, the evidence relative to the charges against Jas. Williamson, etc., were referred to the same committee.

On motion, the application of the widows and orphan children of our deceased Brothers, Thomas Steele and Williams, the application of Brother Job Thompson, and the widow and orphan children of Brother Asa K. Burroughs, the application of the widow and orphan children of Brother Thomas Palmer, deceased, and the widow and orphan children of Brother Ross, deceased, the application of the orphan children of Brother Spinning, the application of the widow and orphan children of Brother Joseph Doud, the application of the widow and orphan children of Brother Sherman, deceased, the application of the widow of Brother Frank, and the application of the orphan children and widow of Brother Alva Coe, deceased, for assistance from the funds of this Grand Lodge, were referred to the committee on Charity.

Brother *Fales*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the report of Brother George W. Jewett, who was appointed at the last annual communication of this Grand Lodge to receive such testimony in relation to the charges of "habitual drunkenness," as might be furnished him, either on the part of Morning Star Lodge, against James Williamson, or on behalf of said Williamson, and to report the same to this Grand Lodge at the present annual communication, and to whom was also referred the memorial of said Williamson, made the following report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sentence of expulsion pronounced against James Williamson, by Morning Star Lodge No. 80, be confirmed.

Which report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee appointed to examine and report what business remained unfinished at the last, and that properly comes before the present meeting of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:

That they have attended to the same, and find the following subjects claiming their attention:

1st. A resolution offered by Brother Hamer, relating to subordinate Lodges hereafter applying for acts of incorporation.

2d. The report of the committee appointed to examine the proceedings of Clermont Social Lodge.

3d. The report of the settlement between Georgetown Lodge No. 72, and Friendship Lodge.

4th. The report of Brother Orr, to whom was referred the subject of the Army Lodge.

5th. The report of the committee on the subject of Brother McAboy.

6th. The report relating to James Williamson's appeal.

Brother *James*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Minerva Lodge, working under a dispensation at Burlington, Lawrence county; and the By-Laws and proceedings of Mount Pleasant Lodge, working under a dispensation, in the county of Jefferson; and the By-Laws and proceedings of Newark Lodge, working under a dispensation at Newark, Licking county, made the following report:

That they have examined the same and find them correct. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That charters be granted to each of said Lodges, to be numbered in the order herein named.

In the By-Laws of Newark Lodge, the committee find a clause which provides that where an applicant wishes to withdraw his petition, and his reasons for so doing be deemed by the Lodge insufficient, and he still persists in his determination to withdraw, he shall forfeit his deposit. The committee entertain doubts as to the propriety and policy of this regulation, and they submit to the consideration of this Grand Lodge the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Newark Lodge be advised to amend her By-Laws in the above particular.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider and report on the expediency of providing for defraying the expenses of representation in the Grand Lodge.

Thereupon the W. G. Master appointed the following committee, to wit: Brothers Thrall, James, Meader, Coolman and M'Mullen.

On motion of Brother *James*, a letter addressed to the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, upon the subject of interment, by Brother *Langdon*, of Cincinnati, and a resolution accompanying the returns of Miami Lodge, upon the same subject, were referred to a select committee consisting of seven, to wit: Brothers McDowell, Curtis, Fracker, Dudley, Benedict, Jewett and Satterthwaite.

Brother *Dudley* introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of subscribing for stock in the contemplated Masonic Hall and City Hotel, about to be erected in Cincinnati.

The following brethren were appointed said committee—Dudley, Baker and Peters.

Brother *James*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Miamisburgh Lodge, working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge, reported:

That they find the By-Laws of said Lodge drawn in conformity with the laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge. The proceedings under their By-Laws exhibit, in some instances, too great a precipitancy in advancing members from one degree to another; frequent occurrence of cases of emergency; and in two instances, that they have given credit for the fees of initiation, a practice which is forbidden by the resolutions of the Grand Lodge. The committee submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter be granted to the Miamisburgh Lodge No. —.
2. That the said Lodge be recommended to pay strict attention to the enactments of the Grand Lodge in the above particulars.

Which report was accepted and the resolutions agreed to.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 6th, 1829.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *A. I. McDowell*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

That said committee have had the matters referred to them under examination and respectfully report:

That on January 15th, 1828, there was in cash, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer	$1,058 65
Since which time he has received	318 72
Interest on $812.33, the amount in his hands, on which he is chargeable with interest agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge	48 74
Making a total of	$1,426 11
That the Grand Treasurer has paid out, since the 15th of January, 1828, as per vouchers exhibited	245 72
Leaving in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a balance of	$1,180 39
The capital of the Grand Lodge, exclusive of the above balance, consists of the following:	
Six shares of the capital stock of the Bank of Chillicothe, all paid up	600 00
Ten shares of the capital stock of the Franklin Bank of Columbus, of which $60 has been paid on each share	600 00
Making a grand total	$2,380 39

No dividends have been drawn on the above shares of bank stock for the past year.

Brother *A. I. McDowell* made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of Miami Lodge No. 46, in relation to the proceedings of Master Masons who are not members of a Lodge; and the letter of Brother E. P. Langdon, upon the same subject, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that Master Masons dying within the vicinity of a subordinate Lodge, and whether members or not, if requested by themselves, or by their friends, after their decease, have a right to be interred with the honors of Masonry. But it is the privilege of the Lodge, nevertheless, to withhold the rite of Masonic interment from any Mason whose character renders him, in the opinion of such Lodge, unworthy of the honors.

Which report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Brother *Fales*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom were referred the memorial of the Rev. James McAboy, the proceedings of Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, against him, and sundry other documents in relation to the same subject, made the following report:

That they have attended to their duty, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sentence of suspension for the term of one year, that was passed upon the said James McAboy, by the said Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, be confirmed.

Which report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Brother *Baker*, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of subscribing stock to the Masonic Hall and City Hotel at Cincinnati, made the following report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and although the stock may be profitable as represented by a member from that place, yet it is an experiment hereafter to be tested, and as the Grand Lodge may, at some future day not far distant, erect a Hall for the use of said Grand Lodge more central than Cincinnati, your committee therefore deem it inexpedient at this time to use any portion of their funds in the erection of said Hall, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge considers it inexpedient, at this time, to subscribe stock in the Masonic Hall and City Hotel, to be erected at Cincinnati.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

Brother *Meader*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find nothing contained in the several documents placed in their possession that could be suggested for the benefit of Masonry.

Brother *James*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Evening Light Lodge No. —, held in Vienna, in the county of Trumbull, reported:

That they have carefully examined the same, and readily concur in the opinion that a charter at this time cannot be granted. The only difficulty they have, is to determine whether their dispensation shall be continued another year. At the last annual communication, they were instructed and required to amend their By-Laws so as to conform to the laws of the Grand Lodge, and were, moreover, censured for some departures from Masonic usage. Your committee regret to say that these requisitions have not been complied with. Instead of providing that petitions shall lie over from one regular meeting to another, they have made a law in these words: "No candidate shall be balloted for the same day he is proposed." Whether this was done through igno-

rance, or in a spirit of evasion, your committee are at a loss to determine. But from their proceedings, it is manifest that their practice under it, is such as cannot be sanctioned. With some hesitation, they have concluded to recommend a continuance of their dispensation, as they are assured that the members of Evening Light Lodge are attached to the principles of the Order, and have not willfully acted in contempt. But they incline to think that this should be done with some restriction, and they submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation of Evening Light Lodge No. —, be continued to the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge: *Provided*, they so amend the 5th article of their By-Laws as to make it an absolute rule that the petitions shall be presented only at regular meetings, and shall lie over to the next regular meeting for decision, except in case of emergency, and that they shall exhibit to the Master and Wardens of Erie Lodge No. 3, evidence of their compliance with the present and former requisitions of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Fracker*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the expediency of remitting to Newark Lodge No. —, the fee of $40, paid by said Lodge for a dispensation, and report to this Grand Lodge.

Brothers Fracker, Robinson and Curtis were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lodge then went into the election of its officers for the ensuing year; and upon receiving and counting the ballots, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. John Snow, Worthington, Grand Master.
R. W. Timothy Baker, Huron, Deputy Grand Master.
" " John H. James, Urbana, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Hosmer Curtis, Mt. Vernon, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " Bela Latham, do. Grand Secretary.
" " J. T. Fracker, Zanesville, Grand Marshal.
" " Rev. Pleasant Thurman, Chillicothe, Grand Chaplain.
" " Stephen Fales, Dayton, Grand Orator.
" " David S. Davis, do. Grand Senior Deacon.
" " William B. Thrall, Circleville, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William John, Columbus, Grand Tyler and Steward.
" " William Fielding, Sidney, Grand Lecturer.

The officers elect were installed in due form, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

The petition of certain Master Masons, residing at Wilkesville, Gallia county, praying a Dispensation, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Curtis*, from the committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother William Bayles, from the decision of Harmony Lodge No. 8, made the following report:

That said committee have had the same under consideration, and that, in the opinion of said committee, the conduct of Brother Bayles, referred to in the charge made against him, justly deserved the censure of said Lodge; but from the evidence produced, it also appears to your committee, that Brother Bayles had received a very insulting provocation from the brother who is supposed to have been wronged. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sentence of Harmony Lodge No. 8, against Brother William Bayles, be mitigated to one year's suspension only.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

Brother *Fracker*, from the committee appointed to inquire into and report on the expediency of refunding to Newark Lodge No. —, the sum of $40, paid to the Grand Lodge for their Dispensation, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find that a number of Masons residing in Newark, Licking county, in the year 1822, applied for and obtained a Dispensation to work as a Lodge, agreeably to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and paid the sum of $40 for the same, and for certain reasons in 1823, returned the said dispensation to the Grand Lodge, but the sum paid therefor was not refunded. And in the year 1828, a new dispensation was granted by Joshua Downer, Deputy G. Master of the Grand Lodge, to Newark Lodge, for which the sum of $40 was paid, whose members are a part of those who applied for a dispensation in 1822: *Therefore*,

Resolved, That the sum of $40, after deducting the expenses of the first dispensation, be refunded to the Master of Newark Lodge, for the use of said Lodge.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

Brother *Curtis* asked and obtained leave to lay before the Grand Lodge the petition of Brother Benedict and others, praying a loan of five or six hundred dollars; which was taken up, read and referred to a committee of three, to wit: Brothers Curtis, Robinson and Hill.

On motion, the following was introduced by Brother *James*, and unanimously adopted as a substitute for the 20th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge:

The Grand Lodge shall elect annually, by ballot, a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be, when called on by any subordinate Lodge, to visit the same, and prescribe an uniform mode of working, and to inspect their Masonic qualifications and improvement; and for his services he shall be paid by the Lodge requiring them.

On motion of Brother *M'Mullen*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a Masonic carpet, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Brothers Griswold, Grubb and Fales, were appointed said committee.

Brother *Thurman* made the following report:

The committee on Charity respectfully report: That they have had the applications referred to them under consideration, and as the result of their deliberations, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $160 be appropriated and paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge for the relief of the widows and orphans therein named, to wit:

To Brother H. Curtis, for the relief of the widow and orphan children of our late Brother John Frank, Mt. Vernon, fifteen dollars.

To Brother A. I. McDowell, for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother Thomas Palmer, deceased, Franklin county, ten dollars.

To Brother P. Thurman, for the relief of the widows and orphans of our late Brothers Thomas Steele and George Williams, Chillicothe, (each ten dollars) twenty dollars.

To Brother P. Wright, for the relief of the widow of our late Brother J. Sherman, Worthington, ten dollars.

To Brother H. Fasset, for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother Ross, Licking county, ten dollars.

To Brother Elliot or Humphrey, of Granville, for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother James Doud, deceased, ten dollars.

To Brother Baker, for the relief of the widow and orphans of our late Brother Jonathan Jennings, Huron county, fifteen dollars.

To Brother William Coolman, for the relief of the widows and orphans of Brothers Job Thompson, Portage county, and A. K. Burroughs, Stark county, (each twenty dollars) forty dollars.

To Brother Fales, for the relief of the orphan children of Brother B. Spinning, twenty dollars.

To Brother P. Benedict, for the relief of the widow and orphans of Brother Alva Coe, deceased, Huron county, ten dollars.

Which report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made further report:

That the committee on Unfinished Business find an additional item that necessarily comes before the Grand Lodge at this session, to wit:

A resolution offered by Brother Wilson, proposing an amendment to the first article of the By-Laws.

On motion of Brother *A. I. McDowell*, the following accounts were allowed, to wit:

The account of the Grand Secretary, for services the past year and postage; and filling, during the past session, five charters and one dispensation, the sum of one hundred and thirty three dollars.

Also, the account of Brother M'Mullen, for wood, one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Also, the account of E. Glover, for printing, in 1825, two dollars.

On motion of Brother *Curtis*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the annual dues from the subordinate Lodges for this year be remitted.

Brother *Curtis*, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Brother P. Benedict, made the following report, which was agreed to:

That in the opinion of a majority of your committee, it does not consist with the interests of the Grand Lodge to grant the application of our worthy Brother, and we recommend that the application be indefinitely postponed.

Brother *James*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Brother Barzillai H. Miles, and others, for a dispensation to establish a Lodge in the town of Wilkesville, Gallia county, to be called *Orphans' Friend*, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find the same signed by the requisite number of Master Masons, and vouched for and approved by Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to Barzillai H. Miles and others, to hold a Lodge in Wilkesville, in the county of Gallia, by the name of Orphans' Friend Lodge No. —.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

The resolution of Brother *Hamer*, introduced during the last grand communication, relative to the incorporating subordinate Lodges, was indefinitely postponed.

Further time, until the next grand communication, was given to Brother Orr to report upon the subject of Army Lodge No. —.

On motion of Brother *Fales*, the following resolution was seconded and ordered to lie over to the next grand communication:

Resolved, That the first article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be altered so that the time of the future grand annual communication shall be the ——— day of ———, and the place of holding the same be Columbus.

Brother *Meader* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the W. G. Secretary be authorized to annex the constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge to the proceedings of the present annual communication.

On motion of Brother *Starling*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brothers B. Latham, P. H. Olmsted and Wm. Doherty, be appointed a committee to inspect and superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings, etc., of this grand communication, and that three hundred copies of the same be distributed in the usual manner, and the said committee be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of expenses incurred in the same.

Brother *Benedict* introduced the following resolution, which was seconded and ordered to lie over to the next grand communication:

Resolved, That the 18th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be so altered as to define and reduce the fees of the Grand Secretary.

Brother *Griswold*, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing a Masonic carpet for the Grand Lodge, reported:

That said committee have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at the present time, to make an appropriation for that purpose.

Which resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Benedict*, the following resolution was adopted—ayes 64, nays 55—voting by Lodges:

Resolved, That each and every subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be hereafter required to pay to the Grand Lodge the annual grand dues; and that each subordinate Lodge be represented, and that said representation be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, *one dollar and twenty five cents* for every twenty-five miles going to and returning from said Grand Lodge, and the like sum for every day's attendance during the session of the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, That not more than one delegate shall be entitled to compensation for each day.

On motion of Brother *Fielding*, so much of the report of the committee on Unfinished Business as relates to the resolution offered by Brother Williamson, upon the subject of changing the time of holding the grand annual communication, was taken up, and after some discussion, was indefinitely postponed.

Brother *Coolman*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Clinton Lodge, working under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find the By-Laws and proceedings of said Lodge to be in accordance with the general principles of Masonry; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to "Clinton Lodge No. —," held in the town of Woodsfield, Monroe county.

Which resolution was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give at least sixty days notice of the time and place of the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, by causing an official notice thereof to be published in the *Ohio State Journal*, with a request that editors of papers friendly to the institution give it an insertion in their respective papers gratuitously.

On motion of Brother *Little*, the account of Brother *John*, for stationery, candles, etc., for this Grand Lodge, amounting to $7.21, was allowed: Also, Brother John's account of $12.50, for tyling and washing the aprons of the Grand Lodge, was allowed.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:

Brother Gotlieb Ligthnicker, Grand Steward.
" John M'Mullen, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers P. H. Olmsted, Samuel Crosby, Grand Pursuivants.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, was closed in ample form, and was adjourned until the first Monday in January, 1830, to meet at Worthington.

JOHN SNOW, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

Bela Latham, *Grand Secretary.*

LIST OF
GRAND MASTERS AND DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE IN 1808.

1808. Rufus Putnam, G. M.
Thomas Henderson, D. G. M.
1809. Samuel Huntington, G. M.
Lewis Cass, D. G. M.
1810. Lewis Cass, G. M.
Jacob Burnet, D. G. M
1811. Same.
1812. Same.
1813. Henry Brush, G. M.
James Kilbourn, D. G. M.
1814. Same.
1815. Same.
1816. Henry Brush, G. M.
J. S. Gano, D. G. M.
1817. Henry Brush, G. M.
Philemon Beecher, D. G. M.
1818. Chester Griswold, G. M.
Phineas Ross, D. G. M.
1819. John Snow, G. M.
Phineas Ross, D. G. M.
1820. John Snow, G. M.
Elisha Whittlesey, D. G. M.
1821. Same.
1823. John Snow, G. M.
Thomas Corwin, D. G. M.
1824. Charles R. Sherman, G. M.
Henry Bacon, D. G. M.
1825. William W. Irvin, G. M.
Samuel R. Miller, D. G. M.
1826. Samuel Wheeler, G. M.
Richard Collins, D. G. M.
1827. John M. Goodenow, G. M.
Thomas Corwin, D. G. M.
1828. Thomas Corwin, G. M.
Joshua Downer, D. G. M.
1829. John Snow, G. M.
Joshua Downer, D. G. M.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

At Worthington, January 4, A. D. 1830—A. L. 5830.

M. W. WILLIAM FIELDING, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brothers OLMSTED & BAILHACHE Columbus.]

The M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled in the town of Worthington, agreeably to their constitution, on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1830, A. L. 5830.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. JOHN SNOW, Grand Master.
R. W. SAMUEL R. MILLER, Deputy Grand Master.
" JESSE CORWIN, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
" HOSMER CURTIS, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
" JOHN T. FRACKER, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.*
" BELA LATHAM, Grand Secretary.
" DAVID SPANGLER, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" STEPHEN WHICHER Jr., Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM JOHN, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Master's Degree in ample form, and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Corwin, Peters and Younkin.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers Henry B. Curtis, Metcalf and Odlin.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report:

That they have examined the returns made by subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge, and find the same represented as follows, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Samuel R. Miller.
4.	New England	John Snow, Ira Metcalf, Samuel Wilson.
5.	Amity	David Spangler, Robert Stewart, Adam Peters.
6.	Scioto	James Montgomery.
8.	Harmony	John H. James.
9.	Mt. Zion	J. N. Burr, J. Huntsberry, Jonas Ward.
11.	Centre Star	H. L. Bancroft, John W. Milligan, L. Humphrey
13.	St. Johns'	S. Whicher, Jr.
14.	Franklin	D. Grosvenor.
16.	Belmont	Samuel Stokeley.
17.	Washington	Jesse Corwin.
19.	Jerusalem	Jared P. Kirtland.
22.	Rising Sun	John C. De Blair.

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
23.	Pickaway	Jacob Leiby, Henry Sage.
25.	Paramuthia	Isaac N. Norton.
26	Lebanon	Thos. B. Vanhorn.
28.	Temple	Daniel Upson.
29.	Clermont Social	Jonathan Johnson.
30.	Ohio	James Robinson, P. H. Olmsted.
31.	Golden Rule	Wm. M. Raburn, John Sewell.
33.	Ebenezer	Benjamin Jones.
35.	Mansfield	James Drennan.
37.	Mount Moriah	J. D. Chamberlain
38	Highland	Wm. A. Johnson.
43.	West Union	D. P. Wilkins.
45.	Steubenville	Samuel Stokeley.
46.	Miami	James Armstrong.
48.	Aurora	G. S. B. Hempstead.
49.	Xenia	James Collier.
50.	Science	Hector Kilbourn.
53.	Charity	Eleazer Copeland.
55.	Eastern Star	Jesse Corwin.
57.	Lancaster	William J. Reese, A. Younkin.
60.	Canton	Henry Imhoof.
61.	Bethel	James Ross.
63.	Evergreen	Alexander R. Chase.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Benjamin Carmon.
65.	New Lisbon	F. A. Blocksom.
66.	Guernsey	Joshua Hook.
67.	Oxford	Jesse Corwin.
69.	Meridian Sun	Wyllys Welton.
71.	Chester	Randel Stevens.
72.	Georgetown	Jesse R. Grant.
73.	Temperance	William Fielding.
76.	Somerset	Peter Odlin.
79.	Lafayette	John T. Fracker, Z. Hall, Isaac Springer.
80.	Morning Star	Ira Page, W. V. H. Cushing Wm. A. Cameron.
81.	Lafayette	Robert T. Lyle.
82.	Bolivar	N. Benjamin.
84.	Warren	David Burnham.
86.	Centre	Hiram Wright.
87.	Jefferson	Joshua R. Giddings.
90.	Jefferson	David S. Davis.
91.	Western Star	Ezekiel Flanders.
92.	Clinton	Noah H. Swayne.
94.	Montgomery	Alexander Duncan.
95.	Minerva	Joseph Davidson.
98.	Minerva	William Derrickson.
99.	Clinton	Cornelius Okey.

The constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being represented, THE GRAND LODGE was declared duly organized for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Curtis*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the proceedings of the last grand annual communication be dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Vanhorn, Cameron and Armstrong.

On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Wilkins, Robinson and Montgomery.

On Grievances—Brothers Hosmer Curtis, Spangler and Olmsted.

On Charity—Brothers Sage, Blocksom and Whicher.

On Unfinished Business—Brothers William A. Johnson, Kirtland and Fracker.

On Communications from Foreign Grand Lodges, etc.—Brothers Ross, Hook and Page.

On motion of Brother *Grant*, the report of Georgetown Lodge No. 72, upon the condition and amount due from brethren, members of Friendship Lodge No. ——, be referred to a select committee of three. Whereupon, Brothers Olmsted, Metcalf and Grant were appointed said committee.

On motion, the By-Laws, as amended by Somerset Lodge No. 76, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Fracker*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, to wit:

That they have attended to the business assigned them, and find the following subjects which claim the attention of the Grand Lodge:

First. The resolution offered at the last grand annual communication, by Brother Fales, as follows: "Resolved, That the first article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be altered so that the time of the future grand annual communications shall be the — day of ——, and the place of holding the same be Columbus."

Second. The resolution offered by Brother Benedict, to wit: "Resolved, That the 18th article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be so altered as to define and reduce the fees of the Grand Secretary."

On motion, the By-Laws, minutes and dispensation of Orphan's Friend Lodge, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Latham*, a communication from Brother Grant, a traveling brother, was referred to the committee on Charity.

Brother *Olmsted*, from the select committee to whom was referred the subject of the dues of Friendship Lodge No. —, made the following report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and find the sum of one hundred and fifty-one dollars due to said Lodge from its late members, out of which, in all probability, fifty-two dollars may be collected; also, that said Friendship Lodge owes seventeen dollars for rent, etc. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Grant be appointed a committee to close the business relating to Friendship Lodge, and that he report his proceedings thereon at the next grand communication.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Wilkins*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

That they have had under consideration a copy of the By-Laws of Somerset Lodge No. 76, and find by said copy, that the said By-Laws are in accordance with the general principles of Freemasonry. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amendments to the By-Laws of Somerset Lodge No. 76, meet the entire approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to an election of its officers, for the year ensuing, to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M.

Brother *Wilkins*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, reported as follows, to wit:

That they have had under consideration the case of Orphan's Friend Lodge No. —, working under Dispensation, and submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Dispensation, heretofore granted by the M. W. Grand Master, be continued until the next regular communication of the said Grand Lodge.

2. That the said Orphan's Friend Lodge be requested to submit to the inspection of the Grand Lodge, at the next regular grand communication, a true copy of the records of their proceedings under said Dispensation.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Fracker*, the resolution offered by Brother Benedict, at the last grand communication, to alter, define, and reduce the fees of the Grand Secretary, was referred to a select committee of three; and Brothers Stokeley, Duncan and Collier were appointed said committee.

On motion, a resolution submitted by Brother Ross, accompanied with certain proceedings of Bethel Lodge No. 61, was referred to a select committee of three, to wit: Brothers Stokeley, Vanhorn and Grant.

On motion of Brother *Giddings*,

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to issue a new charter to Jefferson Lodge No. 87, the former charter having been mutilated by the violence of some evil-disposed and weak-minded persons, unknown.

On motion of Brother *Miller*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved unanimously by the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, That the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge be directed to transmit to Mrs. Mary Sherman, relict of our worthy brother, Charles R. Sherman, the sum of one hundred dollars, with a request she will receive it as a token of the respect this Grand Lodge entertains for the memory and public services of her departed husband, and of the sympathy which is felt in her bereavement.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee to prepare a roll of the members attending this Grand Lodge, and ascertain the amount due each representative from subordinate Lodges, for his services as delegate to this Grand Lodge, to wit: Brothers Fracker, James and Fielding.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, January 5, 1830.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Brother *Vanhorn*, from the committee on Accounts, reported:

That said committee have had under examination the Treasurer's and Secretary's books, and find the same correct; and from which it appears that, on the 7th day of January, 1829—

There remained in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, the sum of		$1,180 30
From which deduct the amount paid by the Grand Treasurer in 1829, as per vouchers		431 66
		$748 73
Interest on $748.73, the amount in Grand Treasurer's hands, on which he is chargeable with interest, agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge		44 92
Amount received of Bela Latham, Grand Secretary	$58 00	
Amount of dividends received on Columbus bank stock	64 00	
Amount of dividends received on Chillicothe bank stock, from January, 1827, to January, 1829	96 00	
Amount of dividends received on Columbus bank stock	24 00	242 00
Making the sum total in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, on the 4th of January, 1830		$1,035 65

The capital of this Grand Lodge, exclusive of the above balance, consists of the following:

Six shares of the capital stock of the Bank of Chillicothe, all paid up	600 00
Ten shares of the capital stock of the Franklin Bank of Columbus, of which $60 has been paid on each share	600 00
Making a grand total of	$2,235 65

Brother *Stokeley*, from the select committee to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Ross, upon the subject of Bethel Lodge No. 61, made the following report, which was accepted, to wit:

That they find nothing in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, nor in the general usages and ancient customs of the Fraternity, that would prevent a subordinate Lodge admitting and initiating an applicant for the benefits of Freemasonry, who had been rejected by the same Lodge; and that the proceedings of Bethel Lodge No. 61, in the initiation of Brother George Abrams, as the same is stated to this Grand Lodge, were Masonic and correct.

Brother *Sage*, from the committee on Charity, to whom was referred sundry applications, made the following report:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and, from a careful investigation of the claims which have been presented, would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of ten dollars be appropriated and paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to Brother Goodale, for the use and benefit of the child of Brother James Grant.

2. That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and required to pay Brother Montgomery, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, the sum of twenty dollars, for the benefit of the widow and orphans of Brother Jones, late of Ross county, deceased.

3. That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and required to pay Brother Montgomery, for the benefit of the widow and orphans of our late brother, Thomas Steele, the sum of ten dollars, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

4. That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and required to pay Brother John Snow, for the benefit and use of Nancy Greer, widow of our late brother, Joseph Greer, and his orphans, the sum of forty dollars, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

The hour having arrived, the Grand Lodge, in conformity with the resolution of yesterday, proceeded to the election of its Grand Officers for the year ensuing; and on collecting and counting the ballots, the following named brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. William Fielding, Sidney, Grand Master.
R. W. David Spangler, Zanesville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " John H. James, Urbana, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Joshua R. Giddings, Jefferson, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " John L. Starling, do. Grand Secretary.
" " John McDaied, West Union, Grand Marshal.
" " William H. Raper, Piqua, Grand Chaplain.
" " Peter Odlin, Somerset, Grand Orator.
" " William J. Reese, Lancaster, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Leonard Humphrey, Granville, Grand Junior Deacon.
" William John, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" Henry B. Curtis, Mount Vernon, Grand Lecturer.

The officers elect were duly qualified, installed, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

Brother *Ross*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report:

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find nothing contained in the several documents placed in their possession, that could be suggested for the benefit of Masonry, except two circulars — one received from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, the other from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia — disapproving certain things therein specified; and your committee, deeming an expression of the sentiments of the Grand Lodge important, therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio concur in the sentiments expressed by the resolutions adopted in the above named circulars.

Brother *Wilkins*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

That they have had under consideration a petition from sundry Freemasons of the town of New Carlisle, in the county of Clark, praying for a Dispensation to hold a

Lodge in said town, by the name of Carlisle Lodge No.——; and recommending David A. Searl, first W. Master; James Chatlin, Senior Warden, and Daniel W. Cory, Junior Warden. The petition is signed by a legal number of Master Masons, and recommended in a legal manner. From a careful examination and diligent inquiry, your committee have come to the conclusion that it is expedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to the aforesaid petitioners, to hold a Lodge in the town of New Carlisle, to be known by the name of Carlisle Lodge No. ——.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Stokeley*, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give at least sixty days notice of the time and place of the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, by causing an official notice thereof to be published in the "*Ohio State Journal and Columbus Gazette*," with the request that the editors of newspapers throughout the state, friendly to the institution, give it an insertion in their respective papers gratuitously.

Brother *Stokeley*, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Brother Benedict, at the last annual communication, relative to an alteration in the 18th Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and submit the following:

That your committee consider this Grand Lodge, by the adoption of the above resolution, had expressed the opinion that the fees of the Grand Secretary should *be defined and reduced;* and in conformity with that opinion, we beg leave to submit the following as an amendment and substitute for said 18th Article of the By-Laws, to wit:

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; who shall attend personally or by proxy at each grand communication, with all the books and papers of his office; he shall attest and affix the seal of the Grand Lodge to all instruments of writing necessary by the nature of his office to be executed, for which he shall be entitled and paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, the sum of ninety dollars per annum, as a salary: *Provided nevertheless*, he may charge twelve and a half cents per hundred words for copies of records, to be paid by the party applying for the same.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Wilkins*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

That they have had under consideration a petition from sundry members of Lisbon Lodge No. 65, praying for leave to hold the monthly communications of said Lodge for one year alternately at Lisbon and Fairfield; and upon a careful examination of the subject, and believing it to be in accordance with justice, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Fracker*, the following accounts were allowed, and ordered to be paid, to wit:

The account of Brother Latham, Past Grand Secretary, for services the past year, postage, attending present session of Grand Lodge, etc., the sum of one hundred eleven dollars and eighty-six cents.

Also, the account of Brother McMullen, for wood, one dollar and twenty-five cents.

Also, the account of Brother Snow, M. W. Past Grand Master, for postage paid by him, two dollars and fifty cents.

Also, the account of Brother John, for tyling, services as steward, candles, washing aprons, and stationery, fourteen dollars.

Also, the account of Thomas Johnston, for stationery, three dollars and forty cents.

On motion of Brother *Whicher*, from the committee on Charity, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved That the sum of ten dollars be placed in the hands of Brother H. Wright, by the Grand Treasurer, for the use of Caroline Ross, widow of Brother Ross, late deceased.

On motion of Brother *James*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the resolution of this Grand Lodge, which requires the list of reïnstatements. suspensions and expulsions from other Grand Lodges, to be published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be, and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion of Brother *Montgomery*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Secretary be a committee to inspect, enroll and superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings of this grand communication, and that three hundred copies thereof be distributed in the usual manner, and that said committee be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of expenses incurred in the same.

On motion of Brother *Latham*, that part of the report of the committee on Unfinished Business, relative to amending the first Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, as to the time and place of holding the future grand communications thereof, was taken up and amended as follows, to wit:

"The time of the future grand annual communications shall be the first Monday of January, and the place of holding the same be at Columbus."

Which amendment was adopted.

On motion of Brother *Giddings*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to credit on the books of the Grand Lodge the sum of eleven dollars and twenty-five cents, in favor of Rising Sun Lodge No. 22, the amount of dues of 1821; this sum having been paid by Brother Samuel Wheeler, as appears from the books of said Rising Sun Lodge.

Brother *Peters* submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the first Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be so amended that the time of the future grand annual communications shall be the —— day of ——, and the place of holding the same Zanesville.

Which, on motion, was ordered to lie over until the next grand communication, for consideration.

Brother *Lytle* submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the first Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended, as that the time of the future grand annual communications be held on the —— day of ——, and the place of holding the same be at Cincinnati.

Which, on motion, was ordered to lie over until the next grand communication, for consideration.

On motion of Brother *Latham*, the account of Brothers Olmsted and

Bailhache, for printing blanks, amounting to the sum of five dollars, was allowed and ordered to be paid.

On motion of Brother *Montgomery*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Thos. Orr, to whom was referred the subject of Army Lodge No. —— have until the next grand communication to report thereon.

On motion of Brother *Spangler*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the dues from subordinate Lodges be increased from twenty-five cents for each member, to fifty cents; and that initiations be increased from fifty cents to one dollar; and no representative from a subordinate Lodge shall receive compensation unless the dues be paid.

On motion of Brother *Burr* the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, as the sense of this Grand Lodge, That the resolution adopted at the last grand communication, allowing compensation to the representatives of the Grand Lodge, be so construed, that no representative shall receive compensation for representing more than one Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Brother ADAM PETERS, of Zanesville, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers PHILO H. OLMSTED and JOEL BUTTLES of Columbus, Grand Pursuivants.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, was closed in ample form, and was adjourned until the first Monday in January, 1831, to meet at Columbus.

WILLIAM FIELDING, *Grand Master.*

Attest:
JOHN L. STARLING, *Grand Secretary.*

Brother *Peters*, from the committee appointed to prepare a pay-roll, and ascertain the amount due each representative, made the following report:

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find the following subordinate Lodges duly represented, and the representatives thereof entitled to the following sums respectively, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representative.*	*Miles.*	*Travel.*	*Per Diem*	*Total.*
2	N. C. Harmony	Samuel R. Miller	120	$12.00	$2.50	$14.50
4	New England	John Snow				
5	Amity	David Spangler	60	6.00	2.50	8.50
6	Scioto	James Montgomery	54	5 40	2.50	7.90
8	Harmony	J. H. James	43	4.30	2.50	6.80
9	Mount Zion	J. N. Burr	40	4 00	2.50	6.50
11	Centre Star	J. W. Milligan	27	2.70	2.50	5.20
13	St Johns'	Stephen Whicher Jr.	76	7.60	2.50	10.10
14	Franklin	D. Grosvenor	75	7.50	2.50	10.00
16	Belmont	Samuel Stokeley	160	16.00	2.50	18.50
17	Washington	Jesse Corwin	97	9.70	2.50	12.20
22	Rising Sun	J. C. De Blair	198	23.30	2.50	24.85
23	Pickaway	Jacob Leiby	35	3.50	2.50	6.00
25	Paramuthia	Isaac N. Norton	83	8.30	2.50	10.80
26	Lebanon	Thomas B. Vanhorn	90	9.00	2.50	11.50
28	Temple	Daniel Upson				
29	Clermont Social	John Johnston	98	9.80	2.50	12.30
30	Ohio	P. H. Olmsted	9	90	2.50	3 40
31	Golden Rule	Wm. M. Reyburn	65	6.50	2.50	9.00
35	Mansfield	James Drennan	74	7.40	2.50	9.90
37	Mount Moriah	J D. Chamberlain	95	9.50	2.50	12.00
38	Highland	Wm. A. Johnson	71	7.10	2.50	9 60
43	West Union	D. P. Wilkins	106	10.90	2.50	13.40
46	Miami	James Armstrong	120	12 00	2.50	14.50
48	Aurora	G. S. B. Hempstead	99	9.90	2.50	12.40
49	Xenia	James Collier	74	7.40	2.50	9 90
50	Science	H. Kilbourn	120	12.00	2.50	14.50
53	Charity	E. Copeland	15	1.50	2.50	4.00
57	Lancaster	Wm. J. Reese	37	3.70	2.50	6 20
60	Canton	Henry Imhoof	118	11.80	2.50	14.30
61	Bethel	James Ross	111	11.10	2.50	13.60
62	Evergreen	Alexander R. Chase	245	24.50	2.50	27.00
64	Mount Vernon	Benjamin Carmon	100	10.60	2.50	13.10
65	New Lisbon	F. A. Blocksom	150	15.00	2.50	17.50
66	Guernsey	Joshua Hook	85	8.50	2.50	11.00
69	Meridian Sun	Wyllys Welton	125	12.50	2.50	15.00
70	Somerset	Peter Odlin	55	5.50	2.50	8.00
71	Chester	Randel Stevens	104	10.40	2.50	12.90
72	Georgetown	Jesse R. Grant	109	10.90	2.50	13 40
73	Temperance	William Fielding	9	90	2 50	3 40
79	Lafayette	J. T. Fracker	60	6.00	2 50	8 50
80	Morning Star	Ira Page	55	3 60	2 50	7 10
81	Lafayette	Robert T. Lytle	120	12.00	2.50	13 25
82	Bolivar	N. Benjamin	100	10.00	2 50	12.50
84	Warren	D. Burnham	30	3.00	2.50	5.50
86	Centre	Hiram Wright	33	3 30	2.50	5.80
87	Jefferson	J. R. Giddings	233	23.30	2.50	25 80
90	Jefferson	D. S. Davis	103	10.30	2 50	12 80
91	Western Star	Ezekiel Flanders	99	9 90	2.5	12 40
92	Clinton	N. H. Swayne	9	90	1.25	2.10
94	Montgomery	A. Duncan	9	90	2 50	3.40
95	Minerva	Joseph Davidson	9	90	2 50	3.40
98	Minerva	Wm. Derrickson	91	9.10	2.50	11.60
99	Clinton	C Okey				2.50
	Orphans' Friend	Edward McMullin	98	9 80	2 50	12.30

LIST OF
SUBORDINATE LODGES

Within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

No.	*Lodge.*	*Where Held.*
1.	American Union	Marietta
2.	N. C. Harmony	Cincinnati.
3.	Erie	Warren.
4	New England	Worthington.
5.	Amity	Zanesville.
6.	Scioto	Chillicothe.
7.	Morning Dawn	Gallipolis.
8.	Harmony	Urbana.
9.	Mount Zion	Mount Vernon.
10.	Meridian Orb	Painesville.
11.	Centre Star	Granville.
12.	Unity	Ravenna.
13.	St Johns'	Dayton.
14	Franklin	Troy.
15	Concord	Cleveland.
16.	Belmont	St. Clairsville.
17.	Washington	Hamilton.
18.	Hiram	Delaware.
19.	Jerusalem	Vernon.
21.	Western Star	Boardman.
22.	Rising Sun	Ashtabula.
23.	Pickaway	Circleville.
25.	Paramuthia	Athens.
26.	Lebanon	Lebanon.
28.	Temple	Harperfield.
29.	Clermont Social	Williamsburgh.
30.	Ohio	Columbus.
31.	Golden Rule	Fairfield.
33	Ebenezer	Wooster.
34.	Middlebury	Middlebury.
35.	Mansfield	Mansfield
37.	Mt. Moriah	Waterford.
38.	Highland	Hillsborough.
39.	New Haven	New Haven.
40.	Northern Light	Perry burgh.
42	Western Phœnix	Parkman.
43	West Union	West Union.
44.	Columbia	Whitewater.
45	Steubenville	Steubenville.
46.	Miami	Cincinnati.
48.	Aurora	Portsmouth.
49	Xenia	Xenia.
50	Science	Sandusky City.
53	Charity	Zoar.
54.	Milford	Milford.
55.	Eastern Star	Franklin and Miamisburg, alternately.
56.	King Solomon	Elyria.
57.	Lancaster	Lancaster.
58.	Medina	Medina
59.	New Philadelphia	New Philadelphia.
60	Canton	Canton.
61	Bethel	Bethel.
62.	St. Jerome	Chagrin.
63.	Evergreen	Salem.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Norwalk.
65.	New Lisbon	New Lisbon.
66.	Guernsey	Cambridge.
67.	Oxford	Oxford.
68.	Hudson	Hudson
69.	Meridian Sun	Richfield.
71	Chester	Meigs county.
72.	Georgetown	Georgetown.
73	Temperance	Sidney.
74.	Wadsworth	Wadsworth.
75.	North Star	Sandusky.
76.	Somerset	Somerset.
77	Lafayette	Eden.
78.	Village	Burton.
79.	Lafayette	Zanesville.
80.	Morning Star	Springfield.
81.	Lafayette	Cincinnati.
82.	Bolivar	Eaton.
83.	Morning Star	Mantua.
84.	Warren	Milford.
85.	Charity	Painsville.
86.	Centre	Johnstown.
87.	Jefferson	Jefferson.
88	Germantown	Germantown.
89.	Friendship	Barnsville.
90	Jefferson	Middletown.
91.	Western Sun	Concord.
92.	Clinton	Coshocton.
93	Chardon	Chardon.
94.	Montgomery	Montgomery.

Under Dispensation.

Clinton	Woodsfield.
Minerva	Burlington.
Evening Light	Vienna.
Mt Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant.
Canton	Canton
Orphans' Friend	Wilkesville.
Carlisle	New Carlisle.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, January 3, A. D. 1831—A. L. 5831.

M. W. JOHN SATTERTHWAITE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brothers OLMSTED & BAILHACHE, Columbus]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1831, A. L. 5831.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. JOHN M. GOODENOW, P. G. M., as Grand Master.
R. W. JOHN SATTERTHWAITE, Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
R. W. ALLISON OWEN, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. WILLIAM GWYNN, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN L. STARLING, Grand Secretary.
R. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W GEORGE JAMES, Grand Junior Deacon.
R. W. WILLIAM JOHN, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Master's degree in due form, and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Adam Peters, Daniel McCook, D. S. Davis.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers William B. Thrall, John Jones, Wm. McNeily.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report:

The committee on Credentials report, that they have examined the returns made by the subordinate Lodges, and find the following duly represented:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Samuel . . Miller.
4	New England	John McMullen.
5.	Amity	Adam Peters, George James
6.	Scioto	Ed. King, W. Y Emmett.
9.	Mt. Zion	Jonas Ward
11.	Centre Star	Sylvester Hays.
13	St. Johns'	Flisha Brabham.
16.	Belmont	Wm. McNeily.
17.	Washington	James B. Cameron.
21.	Western Star	Wm. Ripley.
23.	Pickaway	W. B. Thrall, J. D. Caldwell, Jacob Leiby.
26	Lebanon	John Satterthwaite.
29.	Clermont Social	Jonathan Johnston.
30.	Ohio	P. H. Olmsted, Jno. Jones, John Greenwood.
31.	Golden Rule	Simeon Dunn.
37.	Mt. Moriah	James Bowen.
38.	Highland	Daniel H. Murphy.
43.	West Union	Daniel P. Wilkins.
44.	Columbia	Othniel Looker.

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
45.	Steubenville	Wm. Gwynn.
46.	Miami	Allison Owen.
48.	Aurora	G. S. B Hempstead.
49.	Xenia	John Smith.
50.	Science	Abner Root.
54.	Milford	Samuel Perin.
57.	Lancaster	Wm. J Reese, Wm. V. Thorn.
60.	Canton	John Harris.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Timothy Baker.
65.	New Lisbon	Daniel McCook.
67.	Oxford	John Crane.
79.	Lafayette	George James.
80.	Morning Star	Charles Anthony.
81.	Lafayette	Allison Owen.
82.	Bolivar	John P. Wilson.
84.	Warren	Abisha Hoisington.
86.	Centre	Israel H. Peck, A. D. Frazell.
89.	Friendship	John C Burnett.
91.	Western Sun	John M. Flanders.
95.	Minerva.	Joseph Davidson.
98.	Minerva	J. R. Albach.
100.	Orphans' Friend	A. T. Holcomb.
101.	Carlisle	James Elam.

And that there are thirty-four Lodges represented, and sixty-five Lodges not represented.

A. Peters,
D. S. Davis,
D. McCook.

The constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being duly represented, The Grand Lodge was declared duly organized for the dispatch of business.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Bennett, Emmett and Hempstead.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Harris, Brabham and Peters.
On Grievances—Brothers McNeily, Olmsted and Cameron.
On Charity—Brothers Anthony, Wilkins and Bowen.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers McCook, Frazell and Ward.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Odlin, Caldwell and Thrall.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the communication from a number of brethren of St. Jerome's Lodge was referred to a select committee of three—Brothers Thrall, Reese and Peters.

On motion of Brother *Peters*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as requires the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the last grand communication be dispensed with.

On motion of Brother *James*, the proceedings of Bolivar Lodge No. 82, relative to the expulsion of Lazarus Miller, together with the accompanying documents, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Brother *Peters*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three brethen be appointed to prepare a Pay-Roll of the representatives attending this Grand Lodge, and ascertain the amount due each representative from subordinate Lodges for his services as representative to the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Peters, Emmett and Hempstead were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Anthony*, the By-Laws and proceedings of Orphans' Friend and Carlisle Lodges, working under dispensations, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Murphy*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Grant, who was appointed a select committee to close the business relating to Friendship Lodge No. 89; and who was required to report his proceedings thereon to this grand communication, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Brother *Peters*, the petition signed by a number of brethren, citizens of Fayette county, praying for a dispensation authorizing them to hold a Lodge in the town of Washington, in said county, to be denominated Union Lodge No. —, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to an election of its Grand Officers for the year ensuing, to-morrow at eleven o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 4, A. L. 5831.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Brother *Thrall*, from the select committee to whom was referred a communication from a number of brethren of St. Jerome Lodge No. 63, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred a written communication to the Grand Lodge, from a number of the members and visiting brethren of St. Jerome Lodge No. 63, Chagrin, Cuyahoga county, submit the following report:

It appears from an examination of the records, that no returns have been made to this Grand Lodge, from said St. Jerome Lodge, since 1826, in consequence of which failure to make a return and discharge its Grand Lodge dues, by a provision of the 14th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, said St. Jerome Lodge has forfeited its privileges as a Masonic body. Nevertheless, in view of the great and trying embarrassments experienced by the members of that Lodge, as set forth in their communication—which embarrassments had induced a suspension of their labors—and in consequence of a willingness by them expressed, to resume their work as a Lodge, under "such regulations as the Grand Lodge may deem fit to prescribe," your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the brethren of St. Jerome Lodge No. 63, be authorized to resume and continue their labors as a legally constituted Lodge.
2. That it be recommended to said Lodge to be punctual in making their future returns to the annual communications of the Grand Lodge, and at all times, but especially in their present difficulties, to practice the virtues of *forbearance* and *circumspection*.
3. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward a certified copy of this report and resolutions to Brother J. M. Henderson, Chagrin, Cuyahoga county.

Which report was accepted, and the resolutions agreed to.

Brother *Harris*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Orphans' Friend Lodge, working under dispensation at Wilkesville, Gallia county, report, that they have examined the same and find them correct. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Orphans' Friend Lodge, to be numbered one hundred.

Brother *James* presented the petition of Brother Abraham Crane, which was read, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Charity.

Brother *Harris*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred a petition signed by a number of Master Masons, in Fayette county, praying for a dispensation to work as a Lodge in Washington, in said county, by the name of Union Lodge, made a report, which, on motion, was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Brother *Wilkins*, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as requires a voucher from the nearest Lodge to petitioners praying for a new Lodge, be dispensed with in the case of the petitioners from Fayette county, and that the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations be recommitted to the same committee to report thereon.

Brother *Gwynn* presented a communication signed by J. W. Brown; which was read, and, on motion, referred to a select committee to report thereon. Whereupon, Brothers Gwynn, Satterthwaite, S. R. Miller, Reese and Root were appointed said committee.

Brother *Harris*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was recommitted their report on the subject of the petition from a number of Master Masons in Fayette county, praying for a dispensation to work as a Lodge in Washington, made the following report:

That the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was recommitted their report on the subject of the petition of sundry Master Masons, residing in Fayette county, praying for a dispensation to work as a Lodge in Washington, in said county, by the name of Union Lodge No. —, have again had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of said petitioners be granted upon their paying into the Grand Treasury forty dollars.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Olmsted*,

Ordered, That the expediency of paying up the stock owned by the Grand Lodge, in the Franklin Bank of Columbus, be referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Harris*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, further reported:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the By-Laws and proceedings of Carlisle Lodge, working under dispensation at New Carlisle, in Clark county, report, that they have examined the same and find them correct; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to said Carlisle Lodge, to be numbered one hundred and one.

On motion of Brother *Frazell*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Centre Lodge No. 86, be excused from any censure on account of the loss of the return of its proceedings in the prosecution and expulsion of Lyman N. Cook, formerly a member of said Lodge; and that said Lodge be, and is hereby, instructed to make a duplicate return in said case to the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

The hour having arrived, the Grand Lodge, in conformity with the resotion of yesterday, proceeded to the election of its Grand Officers, for the year ensuing. Whereupon, on collecting and counting the ballots, the following named brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. John Satterthwaite, Waynesville, Grand Master.
R. W. William Gwynn, Steubenville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Allison Owen, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
" " George James, Zanesville, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " John L. Starling, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" " Philo H. Olmsted, Columbus, Grand Marshal.
" " John C. Bennett, Barnesville, Grand Chaplain.
" " Peter P. Lowe, Dayton, Grand Orator.
" " William J. Reese, Lancaster, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " William Y. Emmett, Chillicothe, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William John, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" " D. P. Wilkins, West Union, Grand Lecturer.

The officers elect, were duly installed, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

Brother *M' Cook*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the Unfinished Business of the last grand communication, have had the same under consideration, and find that the following subjects claim the attention of the Grand Lodge, viz:

1st. A resolution resolving that Brother Grant be appointed a committee to close the business relating to Friendship Lodge, and that he report his proceedings thereon at the next grand communication.

2d. A resolution continuing the dispensation granted to Orphans' Friend Lodge, by the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, until the next regular grand communication of said Grand Lodge, at which time the said Orphans' Friend Lodge is requested to submit to the inspection of the Grand Lodge, at the next regular grand communication, a true copy of the records of their proceedings under said dispensation.

3d. A resolution that the first article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be so amended that the time of the future grand annual communications be held on the —— day of ——, and the place of holding the same be Zanesville; which was ordered to lie over until the next annual grand communication, for consideration.

4th. A resolution that the first article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be so amended as that the time of the future grand annual communication be held on the —— day of ——, and the place of holding the same be Cincinnati; which, on motion, was ordered to lie over until the next grand communication, for consideration.

5th. *Resolved*, That Brother *Thomas Orr*, to whom was referred the subject of Army Lodge No. —, have until the next grand communication to report.

Which report was accepted and committee discharged.

Brother *McNeily*, from the committee on Grievance, made the following report:

The committee on Grievance, report that the only case that has come before them is the case of *L. Miller*, an expelled member of Bolivar Lodge No. 82, on an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

The committee have had the same under examination, and on a careful investigation of the proceedings of said Lodge, find that they do not present so satisfactory an exposition of the case during its pendency before them, as should have existed when the rights and privileges of a Brother were at stake; yet we are led to believe that the Lodge, as a body, were disposed to pursue such a course in their treatment towards the expelled member, as his case, under the circumstances then presented, required. The case as presented to the committee, exhibits the fact, that the expelled member had been guilty of unmasonic conduct; that he frankly admitted the truth of the charges against him, on which he was regularly and fairly suspended from the Lodge; that his suspension was made with a condition pending in his favor, in case of a reformation; it appearing at the time, that the principal charge, as sustained, was intemperance; it is further presented to the committee, that other acts of improper conduct were alleged

against him, which acts, however improper they may have been at the time, were in the opinion of the committee, the consequence of a disordered mind, when under the influence of intoxication.

It appears further, that during the pendency of his suspension from the Lodge, the case of the said Miller was twice brought up on a trial for expulsion; the first of which resulted in his favor, when seventeen members were present; and the second resulted against him when there were but eight present, there being then two for and six against him; however justifiable the result might have been at the time, it would seem that there was a degree of impropriety in disposing of his case in a manner that might not meet the approbation of a majority of the members then in regular standing in the Lodge, especially so, when that decision was final between him and the Lodge, and only subject to the interference of the Grand Lodge.

It appears further to the committee, that the said Miller was fully sensible (and at the same time regretted the impropriety) of his course; that he sought the lenity of the Lodge by strong assurances of amendment; that in accordance with those promises, a reformation has since taken place, and he restored in every respect to the character of a respectable and worthy member of the community. The committee therefore being satisfied that his restoration to the rights and privileges of the Order, would be in strict accordance with the principles of the institution, and also meet the approbation of the Lodge from which he was expelled, take the liberty, from what they conceive to be a proper view of the matter, so to recommend his case to the consideration of the Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That *Lazarus Miller*, who has been expelled from Bolivar Lodge No. 82, be fully restored to the enjoyment of all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Anthony*, the committee on Charity was discharged from the further consideration of the application of Brother *Abraham Crane*, and the same was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *McNeily*, presented a petition from Belmont Lodge No. 16, asking a loan of a certain sum of money; which was read, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Anthony*, from the committee on Charity, reported:

That they had examined all the applications made to said committee, and would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the widow of Brother George Williams, deceased, be allowed and paid the sum of ten dollars, out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and that Brother Emmett be authorized to receive and forward the same.
2. That the widow of Brother William Jones, deceased, be allowed and paid the sum of ten dollars, out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and that Brother Emmett be authorized to receive and forward the same.
3. That Mary Richman, the widow of Brother Evert Richman, deceased, be allowed and paid the sum of fifty dollars, out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and that Brother Odlin be authorized to receive and forward the same to her.
4. That the widow of Brother James Powell, deceased, be allowed and paid the sum of ten dollars, out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, and that Brother Holcomb be and he is hereby authorized to receive and forward the same to said widow.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

Brother *Bennett*, from the committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the subject of the expediency of paying up the stock owned by the Grand Lodge, in the Franklin Bank of Celumbus, made the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred the subject suggested by Brother Olmsted, have had the same under consideration and report, that from the By-Laws of the Franklin Bank of Columbus, the Grand Lodge can have no dividend on the stock which they at present own in that bank, should an installment be required, unless said installment

be punctually paid. Believing it is the wish of the Grand Lodge to make their stock as productive as possible, and the disposable funds of the Grand Lodge being amply sufficient to meet all its necessary demands, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Lincoln Goodale, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, be authorized to pay to the Franklin Bank of Columbus such installments as they may require: *Provided* the same do not exceed the sum of four hundred dollars.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Owen*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved. That the dues from the subordinate Lodges be reduced from fifty cents for each member to twenty-five cents, and that initiations be reduced from one dollar to fifty cents.

Brother *Bennett*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Accounts have had under consideration the Treasurer's books and find the same correct; and from which it appears,

That on the 4th day of January, 1830, there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of	$1,035 65
From which deduct amount paid by Grand Treasurer in 1830	932 06½
Making a total of	$103 58½
Interest on $103.58½, the amount in the Grand Treasurer's hands	6 21½
Amount received of Grand Secretary	440 00
Dividend on Chillicothe Bank stock	54 00
Dividend on Columbus Bank stock	180 00
Dividend on Chillicothe Bank stock	27 00
Making the sum total in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, January 3, 1831, of	$810 80

The capital of the Grand Lodge, exclusive of the above balance, consists of—

Chillicothe Bank stock, six shares, all paid	600 00
Columbus Bank stock, ten shares, $60 paid on each share	600 00
Amount received this communication not in the hands of the Grand Treasurer	517 25
Making a grand total	$2,528 05

Your committee would further report, that from an examination of the Secretary's books, they find several subordinate Lodges in arrears to the Grand Lodge for the last two years, as by a list herewith returned will more fully appear. Your committee would further state, that there are many subordinate Lodges, which appear from the books of the Secretary to be in arrears to the Grand Lodge, some of which your committee are fully persuaded have punctually paid their dues. Your committee do further find that the credits given by your late Grand Secretary, to subordinate Lodges, are less than the amount paid by him to the Grand Treasurer. Your committee, under these circumstances, would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Grand Lodge examine the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, for ten years preceding the passage of this resolution, and report at the next session any inaccuracies he may therein find; also, that he report, at the next session of this Grand Lodge, the amount paid by each of the subordinate Lodges, at each annual communication during the time aforesaid.

2. That the delinquent Lodges retain their standing until the report of the Grand Secretary shall be received.

A LIST OF DELINQUENT LODGES.

No. 1. American Union,
" 3. Erie,
" 5. Amity,
" 7. Morning Dawn,
" 10. Meridian Orb,
" 12. Unity,
" 15. Concord,
" 18. Hiram,
" 19. Jerusalem,

No. 22. Rising Sun,
" 27. Morning Star,
" 28. Temple,
" 34. Middlebury,
" 39. New Haven,
" 40. Northern Light,
" 42. Western Phœnix,
" 44. Columbia,

No. 54. Milford,
" 56. King Solomon,
" 58. Medina,
" 59. New Philadelphia,
" 62. St. Jerome,
" 65. New Lisbon,
" 68. Hudson,
" 77. Lafayette.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Olmsted*,

Ordered, That all applications for charity be referred to a select committee of three, to report thereon.

Whereupon, Brothers Olmsted, Brabham and Miller were appointed said committee.

Brother *Hempstead*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the application of Brother Abraham Crane, for a loan of one hundred dollars; also, the application of Belmont Lodge No. 16, for two hundred dollars, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and on a careful examination of the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge, they find that after discharging the various appropriations made at this grand communication, there will be left in the treasury about three hundred dollars, which is the amount asked for by the applicants. We consider the above sum barely sufficient to defray other appropriations which may be made, besides many contingencies which must necessarily be met. Your committee would further state that the Grand Lodge is indebted to its Grand Secretary, the sum of ninety dollars for his salary, and also for an account of nine dollars and fifty-four and a half cents for postage, stationery, etc. They would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at present, for the Grand Lodge to grant the requests of the applicants.

The chairman of the aforesaid committee asks leave to dissent from the above.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Hempstead*,

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay Brother John L. Starling, Grand Secretary, the sum of ninety-nine dollars and fifty-four and a half cents, his salary for the last year, and postage and stationery furnished: also, that the Grand Treasurer pay Brother William John, for his services as Grand Tyler, etc., the sum of fourteen dollars and twenty-five cents.

On motion of Brother *Hempstead*, the committee on Accounts were discharged from any further duties during the present session.

On motion of Brother *James*, the following resolutions, offered by Brother *Goodenow* this morning, and which were laid upon the table, were taken up, considered, and severally adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That at each grand communication of the Grand Lodge, hereafter to be held, there shall be appointed a standing committee of three, to be called a committee of Ways and Means, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the state of the funds and estate of the Grand Lodge, and report such measures as they may deem expedient for the benefit of the institution, and to act on such other matters as may be referred to them.

2. That no application to the Grand Lodge for charity, by any one residing in this State, shall be entertained unless such application be first approved by some subordinate Lodge within whose jurisdiction the applicant may reside: *Provided*, the case be not one of emergency, not allowing a sufficient time for application to such subordinate Lodge for its approval.

On motion of Brother *Peters*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Secretary be a committee to inspect, enrol and superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings of this grand communication, and that three hundred copies thereof be distributed in the usual manner; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of expenses incurred in the same.

Brother *Peters* submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended as follows: In the third Article, second line, after the word "Proxies," insert, "and Past Masters, who have presided at least six months in some Lodge under its jurisdiction."

Which resolution was ordered to lie over for consideration until the next grand communication.

Brother *Goodenow* submitted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the subordinate Lodges, hereafter, to receive applications of candidates for the honors of Masonry only at regular communications; and when such applications are received, a committee of three members shall be appointed on each application, whose duty it shall be to report in writing to their next regular communication; and if said report shall state the moral character and social standing of the candidate is unimpeachable, and that he is well worthy of the honors of Masonry, the same shall be filed and the application laid over to the next regular communication; when, if no objections are offered, the Lodge may proceed to ballot for and initiate the candidate according to the usages of the Order; and if such report be not made by said committee, no further proceedings shall be had on the said application: and that so much of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as is inconsistent with this resolution be repealed.

Which, on motion, was ordered to be continued until the next grand communication for consideration.

Brother *Owen* submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the first Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended as that the time of the future grand annual communications be held on the last Monday of September.

Which, on motion, was ordered to lie over for consideration until the next grand communication.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 5, A. L. 5831.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *Olmsted*, from the select committee to whom was referred the petitions of sundry persons asking charity, made the following report:

The select committee to whom were referred sundry petitions asking relief from this Grand Lodge, have had the several subjects under consideration, and after bestowing what time they could devote to the same, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to grant the prayers of the petitioners.

The following resolution was submitted by Brother *Wilkins*, to wit:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that no brother is eligible to an office in the Grand Lodge who is not a member thereof and present.

Which, on motion, was ordered to lie over for consideration until the next grand communication.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report:

The committee on Foreign Communications report: That they have carefully examined all the foreign communications received since the last regular communication, so far as the same have been submitted to them by the Grand Secretary, and find communications from the Grand Lodges of Mississippi, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Ala-

bama and New York, transmitting the signatures of their Grand Officers in their respective hand writing, and the seals of their respective Grand Lodges. Also, a communication from the Grand Lodge of Indiana, transmitting the signatures of the Grand Officers of said Lodge. Also, the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, to wit: Mississippi, Kentucky, Missouri, New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Alabama, North Carolina and Delaware; together with a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi. And after a careful examination, your committee are of opinion that there is nothing contained in either of said communications requiring the attention of this Grand Lodge. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the said documents be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

Which report was accepted.

On motion of Brother *Anthony*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That the Grand Treasurer be, and he hereby is, instructed to pay out of the Treasury of this Grand Lodge, to the Reverend Brother Meeker, a traveling and worthy brother in need, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Brother ELISHA BRABHAM, of Dayton, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers PHILO H. OLMSTED, of Columbus, and JAMES B. CAMERON, of Hamilton, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion of Brother *Goodale*, Brother Orr, to whom was referred the subject of Army Lodge No. ——, was discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On motion of Brother *James* the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved. That the representatives from those Lodges which have paid their dues for the year 1830, be entitled to their compensation.

On motion of Brother ——, the committee to whom was referred the communication of Brother J. W. Brown, was discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and the communication of said Brown continued until the next regular grand communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *James*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That all business before this Grand Lodge, which has not otherwise been disposed of, be laid over until the next annual communication.

No other business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, to meet at Columbus, on the first Monday in January, 5832.

JOHN SATTERTHWAITE, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

JOHN L. STARLING, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Columbus, on Monday, January 2, A. D. 1832—A. L. 5832.

M. W. CHARLES ANTHONY, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother ADAM PETERS, Zanesville.]

The M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1832, A. L. 5832.

Grand Officers present:

R. W. GEORGE JAMES, Grand Junior Warden, as Grand Master.
R. W. SAMUEL STOKELY, Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
R. W. SAMUEL R. MILLER, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. D. MCCOOK, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
R. W. LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
R. W. JOHN C. BRODERICK, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*
R. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Senior Deacon.
R. W. A. R. CASSADY, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM JOHN, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened on the Master's degree in due form, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers R. T. Lytle, L. Goodale, and W. J. Reese.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers Ross, Kauffman and Robinson.

Brother *Lytle*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report:

The committee on Credentials beg leave to report, that they have examined the returns made by the subordinate Lodges, and find the following duly represented:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Samuel R. Miller.
5.	Amity	A. Peters, R. Stewart.
6.	Scioto	H. S. Chenoweth.
9.	Mt. Zion	W. Bevins, P. Sprague, L Lake.
11.	Centre Star	F. Eliall, C. C. Rose.
14.	Franklin	G. Kiefer.
16.	Belmont	W. B. Hubbard.
17.	Washington	W. M. Wilson.
23.	Pickaway	Edward King.
29.	Clermont Social	J. Johnson.
30.	Ohio	Bros. Olmsted, Robinson, Greenwood.
31.	Golden Rule	S. Dunn.
38.	Highland	H. Murphy.
43.	West Union	J. Fisher.
45.	Steubenville	S. Stokeley.

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
46.	Miami	R. T. Lytle, S. R. Miller.
48.	Aurora	G. S. B. Hempstead.
50.	Science	H. Kilbourn.
53.	Charity	E. Copeland.
55.	Eastern Star	M. W. Ward.
57.	Lancaster	W. J. Reese, ——Kauffman.
61.	Bethel	J. Ross.
64.	Mt. Vernon	T. Baker.
65.	New Lisbon	D. McCook.
71.	Chester	M. Bosworth.
72.	Georgetown	T. L. Hamer.
76.	Somerset	George Zigler.
79.	Lafayette	H. B. Allason, A. R. Cassady, Jacob Fisher.
81.	Lafayette	R. T. Lytle.
84.	Warren	—— Chapman, ——Vernon.
90.	Jefferson	J. Crane.
91.	Western Sun	S. Pixley.
94.	Montgomery	A. Duncan.
98.	Minerva	J. Albach.
100.	Orphans' Friend	S. Thompson.

And that there are 35 Lodges represented, and —— Lodges not represented.

R. T. Lytle,
L. Goodale,
W. J. Reese.

The constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being represented, The Grand Lodge was declared duly organized for the despatch of business.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Peters, Bevins and Rose.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Miller, Keifer and Wilson.
On Grievances—Brothers Goodenow, Downer and Dunn.
On Charity—Brothers Bosworth, Zigler and Cassady.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Lytle, Murphy and Albach.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Baker, Fisher and Reese.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Goodale, Duncan and Crane.

On motion of Brother *Peters*,

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as requires the reading of the proceedings of the last grand communication be dispensed with.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and report what subordinate Lodges have not been represented, and those that have not paid their dues for the last two years.

Brothers Lytle, Peters and Downer were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Goodale*,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to make out a pay-roll.

Brothers Peters, Reese and Bosworth were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Peters*,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to make out the pay-roll be instructed to calculate the amount of pay of the representatives from the number of miles that the Lodge is located from the town of Columbus.

On motion of Brother ——,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its officers for the present year, on to-morrow, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, January 3, 1832.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee on Accounts, reported:

The committee on Accounts, in pursuance of their duties, having examined the account of the Grand Treasurer as it respects the finances of the Lodges, report:

The amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer per report of Jan. 5, 1831, was	$810.80
Interest on moneys in his hands	30.00
May 5, dividend from Bank of Columbus	42.00
January 2, dividend from Bank of Chillicothe	27.00
December 17, dividend from Bank of Columbus	60.00
Amount received of Grand Secretary, for dues, 1831	590 81
Total	$1560.61
Deduct amount paid by Grand Treasurer, per vouchers	682.84
Leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer on 4th January, 1832, of	$877.77

Capital of Grand Lodge, exclusive of the above balance:

Chillicothe Bank stock, 6 shares paid	$600.00
Columbus Bank stock, 10 shares, sixty dollars paid on each share	600.00
Grand total	$2077.77

Your committee would beg leave further to report, that upon examination of the books of the Secretary, they find all of the accounts considerably in arrears, which they presume is owing to the decease of the late Grand Secretary, who was authorized by a resolution of the last communication to examine the books, etc., for the last ten years, and report the result at this communication, which has been prevented by the fact heretofore referred to. Therefore, in order that the books may be brought up, the committee recommend the adoption of a resolution similar to that passed at the last session, as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary examine the books and accounts of the Lodge for eleven years preceding the passage of this resolution, and report at the next session any inaccurracies he may therein find. Also, that he report at the next session of the Grand Lodge the amount paid by each of the subordinate Lodges at each annual communication during the time aforesaid.

ADAM PETERS,
WM. BEVANS,
C. C. ROSE.

The report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Stokeley*, the following resolution was offered and ordered to be laid over to the next regular communication:

Resolved, That Centre Lodge No. 86 be excused for non-compliance with the resolution adopted at the last grand communication, and that the said Lodge be instructed to make duplicate returns of their proceedings in the case of Brother Lyman N. Cook, to the next annual communication.

On motion of Brother *King*,

Resolved, That the communication of Pickaway Lodge No. 23, on the conduct of Brother John T. Davenport, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Brother *Peters*,

Resolved, That in the event of the resignation or death of the Grand Secretary during recess of the sitting of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to appoint some qualified brother to fill the situation, who shall hold the office until his successor shall be elected.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to the Orphans' Friend Lodge, enclosing the the resolution of this Lodge on the subject, and to request an immediate compliance with the requisitions of this Grand Lodge for a copy of their records and proceedings while acting under a dispensation from the Grand Master.

Brother *Reese*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report:

The committee on Foreign Communications beg leave respectfully to report: That

they have carefully examined all the foreign communications received since the last grand communication, so far as they have been submitted to them, and find communications from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Indiana, Kentucky, Connecticut, Mississippi, New York, and one from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, transmitting the signatures of their respective Grand Officers, also minutes of their proceedings. That they have carefully examined these communications, and are of opinion that there is nothing contained in either of them requiring the special attention of this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend that the said documents be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Which is respectfully submitted.

T. Baker,
W. J. Reese,
J. Fisher.

Which report was accepted.

On motion of Brother *King*,

Resolved, That the sum of ninety dollars be paid by the Grand Treasurer to the widow of our deceased Brother, John L. Starling, late Grand Secretary, for his salary as such for the year 1831, all duties having been performed except extra duties.

On motion of Brother *Reese*,

Resolved, That Brother M. W. Ward be permitted to take his seat as a member of this Grand Lodge, as representative of Eastern Star Lodge No. 55.

On motion of Brother *Albach*,

Resolved, That Brother Crookshanks, the representative from Columbia Lodge No. 44, be paid as the other representatives to the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the communication to the M. W. Grand Master from N. Gates, who was appointed to install the Officers of Orphans' Friend Lodge No. 100, at Wilkesville, beg leave to report:

That the same does not come within the province of their duties, and that they would therefore wish to be excused from the further consideration of it.

Which report was read and agreed to.

The hour having arrived, agreeably to the resolution of yesterday, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of its Grand Officers for the year ensuing. And on collecting and counting the ballots, the following named brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. Charles Anthony, Springfield, Grand Master.
R. W. George James, Zanesville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Timothy Baker, Norwalk, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Philo H. Olmsted, Columbus, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " John C. Broderick, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" " Adam Peters, Zanesville, Grand Marshal.
" " Arthur W. Elliott, Butler county, Grand Chaplain.
" " Robert T. Lytle, Cincinnati, Grand Orator.
" " Nicholas Sinks, Clermont county, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " G. Keifer, Troy, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William John, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" " William Fielding, Miami county, Grand Lecturer.

The Officers elect were duly qualified, installed, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

Brother *Lytle*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee appointed on the unfinished business of the last communication of the Grand Lodge, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report the following as unfinished business properly coming before the present communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, viz:

1. The resolution passed at the last annual communication of this Lodge, requiring Centre Lodge No. 86, to make a duplicate return of its proceedings in the case of Lyman N. Cook, at this communication.

2. The report of the Secretary in relation to the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, requiring a statement of any and all inaccuracies that may be found therein for the last ten years, and also the amount of money paid into the Grand Lodge by each subordinate Lodge within that time.

3. The resolution of Brother Peters, relative to a change of the second line of the third article of the By-Laws, designating the class of Masons who shall compose the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

4. The resolution of Brother Goodenow, as to the mode of admitting persons in the subordinate Lodges.

5. The resolution of Brother Owen, as to the change of time for holding the future grand annual communication of this Lodge.

6. The motion of Brother Wilkins, as to the eligibility of members to office in the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

7. The communication of J. W. Brown, ordered to lie over to this grand communication.

8. The report of the committee of Ways and Means as to the funds and estate of the Grand Lodge at each annual communication, in pursuance of a resolution to that effect, passed at the last grand communication.

9. A resolution requiring a copy of the records and proceedings of Orphans' Friend Lodge, under a dispensation from the Grand Master, which should have been produced at the communication of last year, but upon which no order seems to have been taken.

10. Resolutions, changing the time and place of holding the communications of the Grand Lodge by an alteration of the first article of the By-Laws.

R. T. LYTLE, *Chairman.*

Which report was read and accepted.

On motion of Brother *McCook*, so much of the unfinished business as relates to the resolution of Brother Wilkins, was taken up for consideration, and the same was disagreed to.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*,

Resolved, That a special communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be held at Cincinnati, on the 24th June next; *Provided*, that no compensation be allowed for the attendance of members, and that no business of a general nature be then and there transacted.

On motion of Brother *Bosworth*,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Brother Adam Peters, be a committee to inspect, enroll and superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings of this grand communication, and that three hundred copies thereof be distributed in the usual manner, and that said committee be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of expenses incurred in the same.

On motion of Brother *King*,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the balance due on the stock in the Columbus Bank.

On motion of Brother *Stokely*,

Resolved, That the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, which are not represented at this communication, be informed thereof by the Secretary, and that they be requested to send to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, their respective representatives and all dues, and that the said delinquent Lodges retain their standing until the next regular communication.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to examine and report such subordinate Lodges as have not been represented and paid their dues for the last two years, be discharged.

The resolution of Brother Peters, respecting the class of Masons who

shall compose the Grand Lodge, was taken up for consideration and disagreed to.

On motion of Brother *Peters*, it was

Ordered, That William John, Grand Tyler, be paid the sum of $17.50 for sundries, per bill, and his services during the present session.

On motion of Brother *Peters*, it was

Ordered, That B. Latham, P. M., be paid the sum of $6 60 for postage.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Brother George R. Morton, of Coshoston, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers Elisha Brabham, of Dayton, and Asa R. Cassady, of Zanesville, Grand Pusuivants.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 4, A. L. 5832.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The resolution submitted by Brother Goodenow, at the last grand communication, being taken up for consideration, was, on motion, disagreed to.

The resolution as submitted by Brother Owen, at the last regular communication of this Grand Lodge, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

The communication of J. W. Brown, as made to this Grand Lodge at their regular communication of 1831, was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

The following resolutions were laid over until the next regular communication of this Grand Lodge, to wit:

A resolution requiring that the first article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be so amended that the time of the future grand annual communication be held on the —— day of ———, and the place of holding the same Zanesville.

A resolution requiring that the first article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended as that the time of the future grand annual communication be held on the —— day of ———, and the place of holding the same be Cincinnati.

The committee of Ways and Means asked to be discharged from the consideration of any further business, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother King be permitted to withdraw the communication presented by him from Pickaway Lodge to this Grand Lodge, in relation to Brother J. T. Davenport.

Which resolution was agreed to and the committee discharged.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*,

Resolved, That the application from Georgetown Lodge be granted, on their paying up all arrearages for which they are now delinquent: *Provided*, upon inquiry they shall be found indebted to the Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed so to inform the said Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*,

Resolved, That the fees allowed by the Grand Lodge to Brother Crookshanks be paid over by the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge to Brother Albach, for the use and benefit of the aforesaid Brother Crookshanks.

On motion of Brother *Lytle*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio deeply regret the untimely death of their worthy late Grand Secretary, JOHN L. STARLING, of Columbus, whose virtues, as a Mason and a man, entitled him to their highest respect and most affectionate consideration; and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish his widow with a copy of this resolution, as a testimonial of their feelings on the occasion.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace; to meet in the city of Cincinnati on the 24th day of June, A. L. 5832.

GEORGE JAMES, *Deputy Grand Master.*

Attest:

JOHN C. BRODRICK, *Grand Secretary.*

NOTE.—The Grand Lodge met at Cincinnati, on the 24th of June, 1832, as per adjournment, by resolution, for the specific purpose of participating in the Masonic duties and rites of that Festival. But as no general business was transacted, no record appears to have been kept by the Grand Secretary, of that special communication. Its next stated meeting was in January, as per its By-Laws.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, January 7, A. D. 1833.—A. L. 5833.

M. W. TIMOTHY BAKER, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Bro. C. SCOTT, Columbus.]

The M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their constitution, on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1830, A. L. 5830.

Grand Officers present:

R. W. TIMOTHY BAKER, G. S. W. as Grand Master.
" " W. FIELDING, Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
" " W. J. REESE, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
" " PHILO H. OLMSTED, Grand Junior Warden.
" " LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN C. BRODERICK, Grand Secretary.
" " ADAM PETERS, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " WILLIAM JOHN, Grand Steward and Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then opened on the Master's Degree in due form, and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Little, Goodenow and Ward.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers Hempsted, Griswold and Miller.

Brother *Little*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report, to wit:

The committee on Credentials report, that they have examined the returns made by the subordinate Lodges, and find the following duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Samuel R. Miller.
5.	Amity	A. Peters, R. Stewart.
8.	Harmony	A. R. Colwell, E. L. Morgan, C. Comegys.
9.	Mt. Zion	J. Ward.
11.	Centre Star	C. C. Rose.
13.	St. Johns'	P. P. Lowe, D. Buchanan, E. Smith
14.	Franklin	George Keifer.
16.	Belmont	Wm. McNeily.
17.	Washington	Wm. Murray Jr.
18.	Hiram	E. Griswold.
23.	Pickaway	D. Kinnear, G. A. Patterson.
26.	Lebanon	S. R. Miller.
29.	Clermont Social	H. D. Gorbit.
30.	Ohio	H. D. Little, C. C. Beard, R. G. Walling.
31.	Golden Rule	John Searle.
37.	Mt. Moriah	James Bowen, Stephen Devoe
38.	Highland	Geo. W. Barrere.

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
43.	West Union	B. Latham.
44.	Columbia	N. Crookshanks.
45.	Steubenville	H. J. Hukill.
46.	Miami	W. S. Hatch.
48.	Aurora	G. S. B. Hempstead.
49.	Xenia	W. Ellsberry.
50.	Science	B. Kilbourn.
54.	Milford	L. A. Hendrick.
57.	Lancaster	W. J. Reese, M. Z. Kreider.
61.	Bethel	John Quinlan.
64.	Mt. Vernon	T. Baker.
65.	New Lisbon	J. Rollin.
73.	Temperance	W. Fielding.
77.	Lafayette	S. Graves.
79.	Lafayette	W. B Cassiday.
81.	Lafayette	W. S. Hatch.
82.	Bolivar	S. Nixon.
86.	Centre	A. Cornell.
90.	Jefferson	D. S. Davis.
94.	Montgomery	A. Duncan.
101.	Carlisle	D. Smith, D. A. Searle.

And that there are thirty-eight Lodges represented, and sixty-three Lodges not represented. The committee further report, that by the return of Columbia Lodge, No. 44, it appears that Bro. Othniel Looker was duly appointed to represent that Lodge at the present communication of the Grand Lodge; but from age and infirmity, he conceived it imprudent for him to travel so long a journey at this season of the year, and has substituted Brother Nathaniel Crookshanks in his stead, by a writing to that effect.

The committee would further report, that it appears, from the papers submitted to us, and on file with the credentials, that Hiram Lodge No. 18, has done no business, and held no election since the year 1829; that at that time, Brother Ezra Griswold was Master, and Brother C. Howard, Senior Warden; that Brother Griswold is in attendance on this Grand Lodge, and holds a proxy from Brother Howard, and is willing, if admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge, as Master of said Hiram Lodge, to discharge the dues of said Lodge for the last year.

The committee therefore respectfully submit to the discretion of the Grand Lodge, the questions arising on the facts above stated, respecting Columbia and Hiram Lodges, whether they are entitled to representation on such credentials at this grand communication.

Harvey D. Little,
Jno. M. Goodenow,
Jonas Ward.

The constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being represented, The Grand Lodge was declared duly organized for the dispatch of business.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Peters, Little and Griswold.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Graves, Bowen and R. Stewart.
On Grievances—Brothers Keifer, McNeily and Smith.
On Charity—Brothers Davies, Buchanan and Cassiday.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Goodenow, Patterson and Kinnear.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Hatch, Lowe and Ward.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Barrere, Olmsted and D. Smith.

On motion of Brother *Little* it was

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as requires the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the last grand communication be dispensed with.

On motion of Brother *Peters*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to an election of its Grand Officers for the year ensuing, this evening at eight o'clock.

On motion of Brother *Reese*,

Resolved, That the grand dues of Charity Lodge No. 53, for the last two years, be and they are hereby remitted.

On motion of Brother *Peters*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have bound three sets of the

annual printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, so far as he can procure them, and arrange them as to size, in one or more volumes ; and that he be authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the expense thereof.

The hour having arrived, agreeably to a resolution of this day the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the year ensuing: whereupon, on collecting and counting the ballots, the following named brethren were duly elected, to wit:

M. W. Timothy Baker, Norwalk, Grand Master.
R. W. William J. Reese, Lancaster, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Adam Peters, Zanesville, Grand Senior Warden.
" " George Keifer, Troy, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " John C. Broderick, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" " Thomas Burrell Jr., Bloomfield, Grand Marshal.
" " G. A. Patterson, Pickaway county, Grand Chaplain.
" " Peter Odlin, Dayton, Grand Orator.
" " J. Quinlan, Bethel, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Harvey D. Little, Columbus, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " William John, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" " William Fielding, Sidney, Grand Lecturer.

The officers elect were qualified, installed, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Tuesday Morning, January 8, A. L. 5833.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Reese*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to credit Lancaster Lodge No. 57, with the sum of $12 50, the amount of grand dues for the year 1823, the same having been paid and the proper voucher produced.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, to wit:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the papers of Orphans' Friend Lodge, report, that upon examination of the minutes of the Grand Lodge, at its annual communication, A. L. 5831, a resolution was passed authorizing a charter to be granted to said Orphans' Friend Lodge, to be numbered 100, and as the papers submitted to them had a reference to that effect, the committee are of opinion that the objects contemplated by them are fully answered; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from any further consideration of the papers referred to them from Orphans' Friend Lodge.

Which report was read and accepted, and the resolution agreed to.

The committee on Credentials further report, that it appears by papers submitted to them by Brother Hendricks, Master of Milford Lodge No. 54, that said Hendricks was duly appointed and authorized to represent said Lodge at this grand communication; but that the paper purporting to be an extract from the minutes of said Lodge, which contains the resolution appointing him as aforesaid, is not certified by the Secretary, (who was absent at the time,) but is certified by the Master; the committee would therefore submit the question arising upon these facts to the consideration of the Grand

Lodge, whether he is entitled to fully represent said Milford Lodge at this grand communication?

The committee on Foreign Communications report, that they have carefully examined all the foreign communications received since the last grand annual communication, so far as they have been submitted to them, and find official communications from the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Georgia, North Carolina, Indiana, New Jersey and Rhode Island, transmitting the signatures of their respective Grand Officers, together with minutes of their proceedings; also, minutes of proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Delaware, Pennsylvania and the territory of Florida; also, a circular from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island on the proceedings had in that State. They have carefully examined these communications, and are of opinion that there is nothing contained in either of them requiring the especial attention of this Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend that the said documents be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

WM. S. HATCH,
P. P. LOWE.

Which report was read and accepted.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the tender of the charter of Xenia Lodge No. 49, report, that they have had the subject under consideration and recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That Xenia Lodge be requested to pay all Grand Lodge dues, and that their charter be accepted by the Grand Lodge when all arrears are paid; and that the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to said Xenia Lodge.

S. GRAVES,
J. BOWEN,
R. STEWART.

Which report was read and accepted and the resolution agreed to.

Brother *Griswold*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, to wit:

The committee on Accounts have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, together with the vouchers accompanying the same, and respectfully report:

That on the 4th day of January, 1832, the amount of cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer was		$877 77
Amount received of Grand Secretary in 1832		263 44
April 6, 1832, dividend on Chillicothe Bank stock		60 00
May 7, " dividend on Columbus Bank stock		96 00
Nov. 7, " dividend on Columbus Bank stock		50 00
Interest		24 00
Making a total of		$1,371 21
Deduct amount paid by Grand Treasurer, as per vouchers		861 65
Leaving a balance in his hands, January 8, 1833		$509 56
The funds of the Grand Lodge, exclusive of the above balance, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, consist of Bank stock in the following Banks, to wit:		
Chillicothe Bank, six shares, paid	$600	
Columbus Bank, ten shares, paid	1,000	
		$1,600 00
Making a grand total		$2,109 56

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. PETERS,
H. D. LITTLE,
E. GRISWOLD.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

On motion of Brother *Peters*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and required, as soon as practicable, to address a circular to all the subordinate delinquent Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, informing them that a rigid observance of all the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge will for the future be required of them.

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the case of Hiram Lodge No. 18, have had the same under consideration, and report, that they find, from the examination of documents, etc., that said Hiram Lodge has not been in the strict performance of their Masonic duties; but that in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, and in compliance with a circular from the same, recognizing them as a subordinate Lodge, in good standing, said Hiram Lodge has masonically a right to be represented at this grand communication. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the dues of Hiram Lodge No. 18, for the years unpaid, preceding the last, be remitted, and that Brother E. Griswold be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, as representative of said Hiram Lodge, on his paying to the Grand Secretary the dues of the last year.

GEORGE KEIFER,
WM. MCNEELEY,
D. SMITH.

Which report was read and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *B. Kilbourn*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Brother Olmsted, be a committee to inspect and superintend the printing of the minutes of the proceedings, etc., of this grand communication.

Resolved, further, That said committee cause to be printed and attached to said proceedings, a copy of all the By-Laws, resolutions and rules of the Grand Lodge now in force; that three hundred copies of said proceedings, etc., be distributed in the usual manner; and that said committee be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of expenses incurred in performing said duties.

On motion of Brother *Davis*, it was

Resolved, That the dues of Jefferson Lodge No. 90, for the year 1830, be donated to said Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Brother GEORGE MYERS, of Lancaster, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brothers R. STEWART, of Zanesville, and D. A. SEARLE, of Clark county, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*,

Resolved, That the officers and members of Lafayette Lodge No. 77, held at Melmore, in the county of Seneca, have permission to hold their communications alternately, at Tiffin and Melmore, both in said county of Seneca, for one year, or until the next grand communication.

The committee of Ways and Means respectfully report that there is no business before them, and beg to be discharged.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Brother *Kilbourn*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to present to the Grand Lodge, in his report, a list of those Lodges which have not made regular returns, as required by their charters, stating the years in which they have so failed.

The committee on Accounts, to whom were committed sundry vouchers for expenses attending the celebration at Cincinnati, in June last, respectfully report:

That the expenditures appear, to your committee, to have been made on a scale of such extreme liberality, that they are unwilling to assume the responsibility of recommending their entire payment, or of any abridgment thereof, and therefore deem it most proper to submit the papers and vouchers to the Grand Lodge, to be disposed of as shall be deemed just.

A. PETERS,
H. D. LITTLE,
E. GRISWOLD.

Which report was read and accepted.

Whereupon, Brother *Patterson* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the brother who presented the bill of expenses for the celebration of the festival of St. John, at Cincinnati, in June last, have leave to withdraw the same.

On motion of Brother *Reese*, the vote on the above resolution was reconsidered; and thereupon

Brother *Goodenow* offered the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the amount of expenses incurred by the special communication at Cincinnati, on the 24th June, 1832, expended and paid by Brother Allison Owen, be allowed and refunded to Brother Owen.

Upon which resolution a debate ensued. Whereupon, Brother *Goodenow* moved that the said resolution, and matters connected therewith, be postponed to the next annual communication; which motion was decided in the negative. The question then recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, it was decided in the negative.

[The committee on Accounts, agreeably to instructions, reported a Pay Roll, which was adopted. But as it imparts no useful information to the Craft, now or hereafter, the *Publishing Committee* have deemed it inexpedient to copy it here.]

On motion of Brother *Little*,

Resolved, That all the business liable to be acted upon at this session of the Grand Lodge, remaining unfinished, be postponed until the next regular grand communication.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace; to meet in Columbus, on the first Monday in January, A. L. 5834.

TIMOTHY BAKER, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

JOHN C. BRODERICK, *Grand Secretary.*

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Ohio, do hereby make, ordain and promulgate the following, as the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of said Lodge:

ARTICLE 1. The time of the future grand communications shall be the first Monday in January, and the place of holding them Columbus.

ART. 2. There shall not be any Grand Lodge opened, to work, unless there be present a representation from fifteen of the subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

ART. 3. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the Masters and Wardens, of the chartered Lodges within the jurisdiction of the same, or their regularly authorized proxies; a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, and Grand Tyler; all of whom shall be elected annually, and who, together with all Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters present, shall each be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, who shall be entitled to vote for Grand Officers only: *Provided, however,* That no one member, by virtue of such office or authority, shall have more than five votes in the Grand Lodge.

ART. 4. The title of the Grand Master shall be MOST WORSHIPFUL; Deputy Grand Master, RIGHT WORSHIPFUL; Past Grand Masters, RIGHT WORSHIPFUL; Grand Chaplain, MOST REVEREND; and the following officers, whether past or in office, viz: Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Orator, Grand Deacons, and the Masters of Lodges, RIGHT WORSHIPFUL; the title of the other Grand Officers shall be WORSHIPFUL.

ART. 5. The appointment of proxies of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges, shall be in writing, certified under their official signatures, or certified by the Secretary of the Lodge; which shall entitle said proxy to three votes.

ART. 6. When the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are absent, the Grand Senior Warden presides; in his absence, the Grand Junior Warden; in the absence of these, the oldest Past Grand Master, or Past Deputy Grand Master; and if no officer of that grade be present, a Past Master shall be elected to preside for the time being.

ART. 7. The Most Worshipful Grand Master and Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, shall be vested, severally, with the power of granting dispensations, and of suspending Lodges working under dispensations, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, at their discretion, during the recess of the Grand Lodge; but no dispensation shall be granted, in any case, unless at least one of the petitioners shall be a regular Past Master.

ART. 8. The duty of the Grand Lodge is to receive and determine appeals, redress grievances, and remove all complaints of the subordinate Lodges; to grant warrants, and authorize new Lodges to work; to reprehend and control improper conduct in any subordinate Lodge; and to require such reasonable fees from subordinate Lodges, as will, at all times, discharge the engagements of said Grand Lodge; and to do and perform all such duties as properly appertain to a Grand Lodge.

ART. 9. No other than a Past Master shall be elected to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden.

ART. 10. No elected Grand Officer shall act as such, until he shall be duly installed. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master to appoint a Grand Steward, Grand Sword Bearer, and two Grand Pursuivants.

Art. 11. On the day appointed for the assembling of the Grand Lodge, a quorum being present, the Grand Lodge shall be opened in ample form, and the proceedings of the last grand communication read, when the following committees shall be appointed, to consist, each, of three members, viz: A committee to examine Visiting Brethren; a committee to examine Accounts; and a committee to hear Grievances.

Art. 12. The M. W. Grand Master is not authorized to make or second any motion; but on all questions where there shall be an equal division, he shall be entitled to a casting vote.

Art. 13. It shall be the duty of the presiding Grand Officer to subscribe a fair and true transcript of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at the close of each communication.

Art. 14. Every subordinate Lodge which shall not be represented for two successive grand communications, or who shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years, shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Order until they shall comply with both the requisitions; and shall be stricken from the list of Lodges, and be duly notified thereof by the Grand Secretary for the time being.

Art. 15. No Warrant or Dispensation, for the institution of a new Lodge, shall be granted except upon the petition of eight Master Masons; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Lodge nearest to the place where the new Lodge is intended to be constituted, vouching for the moral characters and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Lodge, under whose authority they act, to grant the prayer.

Art. 16. No Lodge shall be permitted to work by dispensation, longer than until the next grand annual communication succeeding the granting thereof; at which time a copy of the By-Laws and minutes of their proceedings, duly attested, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge for their inspection.

Art. 17. Every society of Masons applying for a dispensation, shall, before the same be granted, pay into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge forty dollars, to be appropriated as said Grand Lodge shall direct; and any dispensated Lodge, to which a charter shall be granted, shall receive the same gratis. But if a warrant should not be granted, nor the dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of their application.

Art. 18. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; who shall attend personally, or by proxy, at each grand communication, with all the books and papers of his office. He shall attest and affix the seal of the Grand Lodge to all instruments of writing necessary, by the nature of his office, to be executed. He shall be entitled to the following fees, to wit: Twelve and a half cents for every hundred words, which he necessarily writes for the use of the Grand Lodge; and also three dollars for executing and sealing each dispensation, and five dollars for each charter, to be paid by the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge from the funds thereof; and twelve and a half cents for each hundred words, for copies of records or other instruments of writing, when required, to be paid by the party employing him.

Art. 19. The Grand Treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bonds to such person or persons, as the Grand Lodge shall direct, with sufficient security, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties, in double the sum actually in the Treasury, at the time of his official investment. He shall account to the Grand Lodge for all moneys received by him, and, on the first day of each annual grand communication, exhibit an accurate statement of his accounts to the Grand Lodge. He shall pay out no money, without the order of the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master.

Art. 20. The Grand Lodge shall elect annually, by ballot, a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be, when called on by any subordinate Lodge, to visit the same, and prescribe an uniform mode of working, and to inspect their Masonic qualifications. And for his services, he shall be paid by the Lodge requiring them.

Art. 21. The decisions of the Grand Lodge, shall be the supreme masonic law of the state, and subordinate Lodges should be governed thereby.

Art. 22. All decision by the Grand Lodge, shall be made by a majority of the votes given, except in forming or altering the By-Laws; and all elections for Grand Officers shall be by ballot; and where three or more brethren are balloted for, for the same office, and no one having a majority, for two successive ballotings, the third balloting shall be confined to the same candidates, striking off the lowest in number, and so on each successive ballot, until some one obtain a majority.

Art. 23. The Grand Lodge shall not have original jurisdiction in any case which can be justly decided by a subordinate Lodge.

Art. 24. No By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, shall be altered, or done away, or any

new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification or addition, as the case may be, shall have been presented in open Lodge, and seconded, and remain one whole vacation; unless concurred in, by all the members of the Grand Lodge, who may be present: *Provided, however*, That such proposed alteration, amendment, or new code, may be further amended in such manner as to the Grand Lodge shall appear proper and expedient, at the time when the same shall be finally considered and passed.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE,

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

1. *Resolved*, That no Lodge, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, shall initiate, craft, or raise, unless a Past Master is present to preside.

2. That all applications for initiation, or for membership, shall lay over at least from one regular meeting to another, unless three fourths of the members present, decide the application to be a case of emergency.

3. That no subordinate Lodge shall confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, on any person, for a less sum than fifteen dollars; and a unanimous vote shall be necessary, to initiate or advance.

4. That each subordinate Lodge, shall pay to the Grand Lodge, at each annual communication, fifty cents for each initiation, and twenty-five cents for each member thereto belonging.

5. That no subordinate Lodge shall hereafter take notes of hand, for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor.

6. That two thirds of all the members present, shall be requisite, in the Grand Lodge, and every Lodge subordinate thereto, to expel any member from the rights and privileges of the Institution; but a majority shall be sufficient to inflict minor punishments; and that no expelled Mason shall be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry, without an unanimous vote.

7. That in all cases, where sentence of suspension or expulsion shall be pronounced by a subordinate Lodge, against any member thereof, who shall, in due time, give notice of an appeal, it shall be the duty of such Lodge to suspend the publication of such suspension or expulsion, for the term of one year, or until the appeal may have been tried by the Grand Lodge.

8. That whenever this Grand Lodge shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a subordinate Lodge, expelling a Brother, and shall restore said Brother to the benefits and privileges of Masonry—*Nevertheless*, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he has been expelled, without *their own* consent.

9. That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that each and every subordinate Lodge in this State, has power to demand of their several members such dues as they may think just and expedient, and to enforce the payment of the same, by sentence of suspension or expulsion if they think proper.

10. That although every subordinate Lodge has the power to reject or admit applicants to the several degrees of Masonry within their jurisdiction; yet from the ancient land-marks and usages of Masonry, distinctly recognized by the existing constitution and regulations of the Order, it is clearly settled that in the first degrees of Masonry, religious tenets shall not be a barrier to the admission or advancement of applicants, provided they profess a belief in *God and His Holy Word:* especially, as during the imperfections of human nature, they are not expected to form their religious creeds perfectly similar; particularly in the non-essential doctrines of the Christian religion.

11. That it is the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that no Mason under the degree of a Master, has a vote in any subordinate Lodge.

12. That the subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby authorized, at their discretion, to confer the first three degrees of Masonry gratuitously upon Ministers of the Gospel.

13. That no Mason shall be permitted to visit this or any subordinate Lodge, while he is under suspension in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

14. That the Grand Lodge recommends to the subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction, the discontinuance of refreshments.

15. As the sense of the Grand Lodge, that subordinate Lodges do possess the power to require of *all* Master Masons residing within their respective vicinities, to contribute pecuniary aid to purposes strictly Masonic; but that such power should not be exercised except with much caution and deliberation.

16. That no Master Mason shall be prohibited from speaking on any question arising in any subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, of which he is not a member, where the general principles of the Order are involved, provided that leave be always asked of the presiding officer of said Lodge.

17. As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any subordinate Lodge legally authorized to work, may at all times take cognizance of charges and complaints preferred to said Lodge, against any Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason, although he may not be a member of said Lodge; and cause summons to issue, and proceedings to be had thereon, in the same manner as said Lodge would be authorized to do if the person charged were actually a member thereof: *Provided, nevertheless,* That no charges can be acted upon, in any Lodge, under the aforesaid circumstances, except in the Lodge nearest to the residence of the person charged.

18. That whenever any subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall alter or amend its By-Laws, it shall be the duty of such subordinate Lodge to make a report and transmit a copy thereof to this Grand Lodge at the next ensuing grand communication.

19. That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no subordinate Lodge ought to initiate any candidate unless such candidate does actually reside nearer to the Lodge where the application is made than to any other Lodge—unless upon the recommendation of the Lodge or the principal officers of the Lodge nearest his residence.

20. As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that in all cases where any subordinate Lodge has heretofore or may hereafter forward a communication to the Grand Lodge, in favor of any number of brethren, applying to the Grand Lodge to obtain a dispensation, a part or the whole of whom have been or may be members of such Lodge so recommending; such recommendation shall be considered as a dimission from the Lodge so recommending, so soon as such brethren shall have obtained such dispensation, and have been organized: *Provided,* such members thus dimitted first pay all dues to which the Lodge may be entitled at the time.

21. That each and every subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be hereafter required to pay to the Grand Lodge the annual grand dues; and that each subordinate Lodge be represented; and that said representation be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, one dollar and twenty-five cents for every twenty-five miles going to and returning from said Grand Lodge; and the like sum for every day's attendance during the session of the Grand Lodge: *Provided,* that no more than one delegate shall be entitled to compensation for each day.

22. That at each grand communication of this Grand Lodge, there shall be appointed a standing committee of three, to be called a committee of Ways and Means, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the state of the funds and estate of this Grand Lodge, and report such measures as they may deem expedient for the benefit of the institution, and act on such other matters as may be referred to them.

23. That no application to this Grand Lodge for charity, by any one residing in this State, shall be entertained, unless such application be first approved by some subordinate Lodge, within whose jurisdiction the applicant may reside: *Provided,* the case be not one of emergency, not allowing a sufficient time for application to such subordinate Lodge for its approval.

24. That in the event of the resignation or death of the Grand Secretary, during recess of the sitting of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to appoint some qualified brother to fill the situation, who shall hold the office until his successor shall be elected.

25. That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; attend personally, or by proxy, at each grand communication, with all the books and papers of his office: he shall attest and affix the seal of the Grand Lodge to all instruments of writing necessary by the nature of his office to be executed, for which he shall be entitled and paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, the sum of ninety dollars per annum, as a salary: *Provided, nevertheless,* he may charge twelve and a half cents per hundred words for copies of records, to be paid by the party applying for the same.

RULES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE AND SUBORDINATE LODGES, ON TRIALS OF APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

1. No subordinate Lodge shall proceed to expel or suspend a brother, unless a charge shall have been previously preferred in writing, when the nature of the charge will admit of it, and a copy thereof served on the brother implicated, at least ten days previous to the trial, with a notice of the time and place of trial: *Provided* the accused brother shall have a known place of residence, within twenty miles of the place of holding the Lodge, and shall not evade the service of the notice.

2. It shall be the duty of the Lodge to hear any evidence relevant to the charge or defense, and the same commit to writing, when it shall be heard in open Lodge; or evidence may be taken out of the Lodge, before any person authorized by the laws of the State to administer oaths to witnesses, notice having been given to the adverse party, so as to allow one day to every twenty miles travel, from the place where said notice is served to the place of taking such testimony; and a notice left with the Secretary of the Lodge, shall be sufficient to authorize the taking of testimony, on the part of the accused, provided said testimony does not disclose any of the secrets of the Craft.

3. If the person charged shall think himself aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge, he may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at any time within one year after the decision shall have been pronounced; and on making an application to the Secretary of his Lodge for a copy of the proceedings, it shall be his duty to forward the same to the next grand communication, with the whole testimony, where the same shall have been committed to writing.

4. When an appeal shall be entered in the Grand Lodge, the same may be decided in open Lodge, or referred to a committee, as shall be deemed most expedient; and, in either case, the Lodge or the person charged, shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, the same being taken with notice, as aforesaid.

5. In all cases when a brother charged shall abscond, proceedings may be had in his absence, without the notice required as aforesaid.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE,

From the date of its Organization in 1808, to the Year 1834.

A. D.	Grand Master.	Dep. G. Master.	G. Sen. Warden	G. Jun. Warden.	Gr. Treasurer.	Gr. Secretary.
1808	Rufus Putnam.	T. Henderson ..	George Tod	Isaac Van Horne	Henry Massie .	David Putnam.
1809	S. Huntington..	Lewis Cass.....	Wm. Skinner ..	Wm. Rayen....	Henry Massie .	Henry Brush.
1810	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	George Tod	Jas. Kilbourn ..	P. Beecher....	Henry Brush.
1811	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	George Tod	Jas. Kilbourn ..	P. Beecher...	Hen y Brush.
1812	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	Henry Brush...	E. W. Tupper ..	P. Beecher....	A.L Langham.
1813	Henry Brush...	Jas. Kilbourn..	E. W. Tupper .	Levin Belt.....	David Kinkead	R. Kercheval.
1814	Henry Brush...	Jas. Kilbourn..	E. W. Tupper ..	Levin Belt.....	David Kinkead	R. Kercheval.
1815	Henry Brush...	T. Kirtland	E W. Tupper ..	C. Griswold	David Kinkead	R. Kercheval.
1816	Henry Brush...	John S. Gano ..	Ches. Griswold.	E. Matthews...	David Kinkead	R Kercheval.
1817	Henry Brush...	P. Beecher.....	Ches. Griswold.	W. H. Hopkins .	David Kinkead	R. Kercheval.
1818	C. Griswold....	Phineas Ross ..	John Snow.....	A. I. McDowell.	L. Goodale....	B. Gardiner.
1819	John Snow.....	Phineas Ross ..	A. I. McDowell .	Joseph Vance ..	L. Goodale....	B. Gardiner.
1820	John Snow.....	E. Whittlesey..	B. Gardiner....	Anax. Warner..	L. Goodale....	A. I. McDowell.
'21-2	John Snow.....	E Whittlesey..	John Cotton ...	T. B. Van Horn.	L. Goodale....	A. I. McDowell.
1823	John Snow.....	Thos. Corwin...	Sam'l R. Miller.	Sam'l Wheeler.	L. Goodale....	A. I. McDowell.
1824	C. R. Sherman .	Henry Bacon...	Sam'l R. Miller.	Sam'l Wheeler.	L. Goodale....	A. I. McDowell.
1825	Wm. W. Irvin..	S. R. Miller	Sam'l Wheeler .	G. R. Fitzgerald	L. Goodale....	Henry Brown.
1826	Sam'l Wheeler.	Richard Collins.	Stephen Fales ..	Wm. Greene ...	L. Goodale....	Bela Latham.
1827	J. M. Goodenow	Thos. Corwin...	Wm. R. Foster .	Roswell Stone..	L. Goodale....	Bela Latham.
1828	Thos. Corwin ..	Joshua Downer.	G. R. Fitzgerald	Chas. K. Smith.	L. Goodale....	Bela Latham.
1829	John Snow.....	Timothy Baker.	John H. James.	Hosmer Curtis .	L. Goodale....	Bela Latham.
1830	Wm. Fielding..	D. Spangler....	John H. James.	J. R. Giddings..	L. Goodale....	J. L. Starling.
1831	J. Satterthwaite	Wm. Gwynn ...	Allison Owen ..	George James..	L. Goodale....	J. L. Starling.
1832	Chas. Anthony.	Geo. James	Timothy Baker.	P. H. Olmsted..	L. Goodale....	J. C. Broderick.
1833	Timothy Baker.	Wm. J. Reese..	Adam Peters...	George Keifer..	L. Goodale....	J. C. Broderick.
1834	Wm. J. Reese ..	P. H. Olmsted..	Henry Sage....	Wm. B. Thrall .	L. Goodale....	J. C. Broderick.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Columbus, January 6, A. D. 1834—A. L. 5834.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother C. SCOTT, Columbus.]

The M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1834, A. L. 5834.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. TIMOTHY BAKER, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Deputy Grand Master.
" " HENRY SAGE, Grand Senior Warden.
" " G. S. B. HEMPSTEAD, Grand Junior Warden.
" " LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN C. BRODERICK, Grand Secretary.
" " WILLIAM B. THRALL, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " G. CARPENTER, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " ANSON SMITH, Grand Tyler *pro tem.*

The Grand Lodge was then opened on the Master's degree in ample form, and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

To Examine Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Van Trump and Morton.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers McNeely, Reed and Steinman.

On motion of Brother *McNeely*,

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the last annual communication, be dispensed with.

On motion of Brother *W. B. Thrall*, the following resolution was agreed to, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its officers, for the ensuing year, at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

The committee appointed to examine Credentials, made the following report:

The committee on Credentials report: That they have examined the returns made by the subordinate Lodges, and find the following duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Joseph Jonas.
4.	New England	Ira Metcalf, John Metcalf
5.	Amity	Robert Stewar .
6.	Scioto	Henry Brush, W. Y. Emmitt.
11.	Centre Star	Walter Thrall.
13.	St John	G. C. Davis, Peter Bear.
16.	Belmont	Wm. McNeely.
17.	Washington	J. B. Cameron.
23.	Pickaway	H. Sage, J. D. Caldwell, W. B. Thrall.
29.	Clermont Social	John Johnson.
30.	Ohio	J. H. Patterson, John Haver.
31.	Golden Rule	Wm. Ellsberry.
43.	Union	Jas. Duncan.
44.	Columbia	J. Comstock.
45.	Steubenville	J. H. Blinn.
46.	Miami	Joseph Jonas.
48.	Aurora	G. S. B. Hempstead.
50.	Science	H. Kilbourn
54.	Milford	Samuel Perrin.
57.	Lancaster	W. J. Reese, J. B. Reed, G. Carpenter.
58.	Medina	P. H Olmsted.
60.	Canton	John Brown.
64.	Mt Vernon	Timothy Baker.
77.	Lafayette	Henry Kuhn.
79.	Lafayette	John Hall, J. A. McConnell, J. Fisher.
81.	Lafayette	Joseph Jonas.
82.	Bolivar	N. Benjamin.
90.	Jefferson	D S. Davis.
92.	Clinton	G. R. Morton *
100.	Orphans' Friend	A. T. Holcomb, Ira Holcomb.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. Caldwell,
G. R. Morton,
P. Van Trump.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Hempstead, G. C. Davis and Bear.

On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Sage, Comstock and Hall.

On Grievances—Brothers W. B. Thrall, Carpenter and Blinn.

On Charity—Brothers Hall, Brown and Benjamin.

On Unfinished Business—Brothers Olmsted, Holcomb and Kuhn.

On Foreign Communications—Brother D. S. Davis, Fisher and Patterson.

On Ways and Means—Brothers Goodale, Stewart and McConnell.

Brother *Morton* offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the grand dues of Clinton Lodge No. 92, for the years 1829 and '30, be remitted for the purpose of enabling the brethren of that Lodge to furnish their Lodge room.

The following preamble and resolutions were submitted by Brother *Reese*, to wit:

Whereas, our brethren of Steubenville Lodge No. 45, have adopted a preamble and resolutions in favor of establishing a manual labor school, for the education of the orphan or indigent sons of Masons, and having respectfully expressed a wish that the Grand Lodge would take the subject into consideration;

Therefore resolved 1, That we highly approve the views of our brethren of Steubenville Lodge, and fully agree with them in believing that the cause of Masonry would be promoted, and an interesting class of individuals benefited, by an institution of this kind.

2. That, in our opinion, the sum of $10,000 would be sufficient to purchase property, erect suitable buildings, and furnish every thing necessary to put the same into successful operation.

3. That the better to ascertain the practicability of establishing an institution of this kind, a committee of — persons be appointed to correspond with the subordinate Lodges, stating to them the object the Grand Lodge has in view, requesting them in their next annual returns to the Grand Lodge, to state their views and feelings, and what amount they will subscribe yearly for five years, to form an institution of this kind.

Which preamble and resolutions were referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

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* Returns for 1830, '31, '32 and '33.

Brother *W. B. Thrall*, from the committee on Grievances, submitted the following Report:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred a communication from the W. Master of Medina Lodge No. 58, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report: That it appears from said communication that there have been no meetings of said Lodge for the last twelve months; whereby they have forfeited their charter. But a change of feeling more auspicious of the prosperity of said Lodge, is evinced, and a spacious room is now prepared for its accommodation; and that it is the design of the brethren to resume their labors. It appears further, from said communication, that Brother Philo H. Olmsted is duly appointed proxy to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge, and that the dues of said Lodge will be forwarded to the Grand Treasurer as soon as may be. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Medina Lodge, No. 58, be authorized to resume their labors as a regular Lodge, and that they be advised in future to conform strictly to the ancient land marks of the Order.

2. That Brother Olmsted be received as the representative of said Lodge, at the present grand communication.

Which report was accepted and the resolutions agreed to.

On motion of Brother *G. S. B. Hempstead*, the petition from Clermont Social Lodge No. 29, was referred to the committee on Charity.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolution from Steubenville Lodge No. 45, offered by Brother Blinn, with reference to the Grand Lodge establishing a manual labor school, having had the same under consideration, report: That from the small amount of funds now in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, (exclusive of the Bank stock), and the difficulty of collecting dues from the subordinate Lodges, would not at this time justify an undertaking of this kind. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to communicate with the subordinate Lodges on the subject.

Which report was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Brother *McNeely*, the charter of Barnesville Lodge was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The committee on Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Accounts have had under consideration the Treasurer's books, and find the same correct, and from which it appears,

That on the 8th day of January, 1833, there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of	$509 56
Received of Grand Secretary	385 75
Two dividends on Chillicothe Bank stock	120 00
Two dividends on Columbus Bank stock	60 00
do do do do	70 00
do do Chillicothe do	30 00
	$1175 31
From which deduct amount paid by Grand Treasurer, 1835	549 50
Balance in January, 1834	625 81
Add interest paid by the Grand Treasurer for the year ending 1834	20 00
Balance in Treasury 6th January, 1834	$645 81

The Grand Lodge then went into an election of its officers for the ensuing year; when, upon collecting and counting the ballots, the following named brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. William J. Reese, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. Philo H. Olmsted, Columbus, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Henry Sage, Circleville, Grand Senior Warden.
" " William B. Thrall, Circleville, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " John C. Broderick, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" " William McNeely, St. Clairsville, Grand Marshal.
" " John Brown, Canton, Grand Chaplain.
" " William Ellsberry, Xenia, Grand Orator.
" " George R. Morton, Coshocton, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " G. Carpenter, Lancaster, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Anson Smith, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" " G. S. B. Hempsted, Portsmouth, Grand Lecturer.

On motion, the officers elect were duly installed, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

Tuesday, January 7, 1834.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Sage*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That Friendship Lodge No. 89, be stricken from the list of Lodges.

Brother *W. B. Thrall*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred a letter from Brother Samuel Blackeslee, W. M. of Evergreen Lodge No. 63, have had the same under consideration, from which your committee learn that for several years past said Lodge has suspended its operations, in consequence of the spirit of intolerance which is abroad in some parts of our State; but that the brethren of Evergreen Lodge are led to believe that an era of more liberal feeling, and a more just estimate of the principles and purposes of our Order is dawning upon them, and are desirous of resuming their labors as a Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the charter of Evergreen Lodge No. 63, be continued, and that the brethren thereof be authorized to resume their labors, and instructed to make report of their proceedings to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from a convention of Masons at Chillicothe, Ross county, having had the same under consideration, respectfully report: That owing to the situation of the brethren of Scioto Lodge No. 6, your committee think them excusable, inasmuch as that course was considered the best to allay the excitement then existing against masonry, and so far as the operations of said Lodge were suspended in consequence of the epidemic Cholera, and the appropriation of their Hall to the use of an Hospital during that time, your committee think this course highly commendable, and strictly in accordance with the benevolent purposes of masonry; they would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the brethren of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, be restored to all their rights and privileges, and that they be authorized to resume their masonic labors, on the said Lodge paying into the hands of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, all arrearages of dues.

J. D. Caldwell,
G. R. Morton.

Which resolution was agreed to, and the report accepted.

On motion of Brother *Kuhn*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Lafayette Lodge No. 77, have permission to work for the ensuing year in the town of Tiffin.

On motion of Brother *Goodale*, Brother Thrall and Brother Hempsted were appointed a committee to prepare a pay roll.

On motion of Brother *Blinn*, the committee on Ways and Means were discharged from the further consideration of the memorial from Steubenville Lodge No. 45, and a special committee of three appointed to consider on said memorial and report.

Whereupon Brothers Blinn, Morton and Thrall were appointed as that committee.

On motion of Brother *Jonas*, the letters, papers and accounts of Brother Owen, of Cincinnati, were submitted to the consideration of a special committee of three, to report thereon.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Jonas, Bear and Comstock said committee.

Brother *Holcomb* offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 100, be excused from the payment of grand dues for the year 1832, until the next regular grand communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Emmitt*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the brethren of Scioto Lodge No. 6, be excused from the payment of dues to the Grand Lodge, for such brethren as they have been and shall be unable to collect dues from.

On motion, it was ordered that the petition of Clinton Lodge No. 92, for charity, be referred to the committee on Charity.

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge reported, that in conformity with a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at its last annual communication, in which the Grand Secretary was authorized to have bound two sets of the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its commencement to the present time, he had examined the archives of said Lodge, and found that there were minutes of the Grand Lodge now on file, only for the following years, to wit:

For the year 1810, 2 copies; 1816, 1 copy; 1817, 1 copy; 1819, 9 copies; 1820, 4 copies; 1821, 7 copies; 1822, 1 copy; 1823, 1 copy; 1824, 7 copies; 1826, 6 copies; 1827, 1 copy; 1829, 2 copies; 1830, 91 copies; 1831, 41 copies; 1832, 47 copies; 1833, 8 copies. The years for which there are no copies are 1811, '12, '13, '14, '15, '18, '25 and '28. He would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge be requested to transmit by mail to the Grand Secretary, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, a copy of any of the minutes of the Grand Lodge that are missing, that may be found in their possession or in the possession of their respective Lodges.

Which report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The special committee to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions in relation to the manual labor school proposed to be established under the direction and supervision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as suggested by the brethren of Steubenville Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and would report: That having given the subject a careful examination in all its bearings, they are fully convinced that the

real interests of our Order, as well as the genuine principles thereof, would be usefully subserved by the establishment of such a school as is proposed; more especially as the funds are to be derived solely from the voluntary contributions of the subordinate Lodges, and cannot in any wise lessen the pecuniary resources of the Grand Lodge. They would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to address a letter upon this subject to all the subordinate Lodges, stating to them the probable amount necessary for carrying into operation the said school, and the period within which it is proposed to be raised, and requesting them to forward their opinions on the proposed measure, with the amount, if any, they will contribute to this object, with their annual returns to the Grand Lodge at its next annual grand communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. Blinn,
G. R. Morton,
W. B. Thrall.

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary on the subject of the dues of the subordinate Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and would report: That on a careful examination of the same they find there are many Lodges reported by him who have paid dues in the years 1824, '25, '26, '27 and '28, in which years the dues were remitted and never returned to the subordinate Lodges; that many of said Lodges are in arrears for previous and subsequent years. In consideration of these facts they recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and required to transfer the amount of dues paid in the years 1824, '25, '26, '27 and '28, to the credit of said Lodges, in years previous or subsequent to said period in which said Lodges are in arrears.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate said disposition of credits to said subordinate Lodges, requiring of them a statement of their said dues for those years to which the credits have been transferred.

Your committee would further report, that there are many subordinate Lodges who have forwarded their dues for one or more of those years in which they were remitted, and the funds were not withdrawn by said Lodges; and further, that said Lodges are not in arrears previous or subsequent to said years in which the dues were remitted. Therefore, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and is hereby required to pay to persons properly authorized to receive the same, the amount which may be certified to him as being due said Lodges by the Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted and the resolutions agreed to.

The select committee appointed for the purpose of investigating the application of Brother Allison Owen, and to examine all letters and documents referred to them, respectfully submit to the Grand Lodge the following report:

Having fully examined the letters and documents referred to them, are satisfied that Brother Owen did advance and expend, on the responsibility of the Grand Lodge, as one of a committee of arrangements appointed by Brother Anthony, then M. W. Grand Master, the several sums stated in his account, amounting to $297.86, and that they consider said amount due him, but in consideration of some of the amounts being high, and also in respect of the treasury of the Grand Lodge not being overflowing at this time, we respectfully submit that two hundred dollars be paid him out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, in full of all demands.

Joseph Jonas,
N. Benjamin.

The question being taken on the foregoing report, it was disagreed to.

Brother *Holcomb*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee on the Unfinished Business of the last communication of this Grand Lodge, on examination, find no unfinished business that requires the attention of the Grand Lodge at its present session.

Which report was accepted.

The committee on Charity reported as follows:

That it is the opinion of your committee that the widow of our late Grand Tyler is a proper object of charity, and we would respectfully recommend to the Grand Lodge to set apart for her use thirty dollars of the funds of said Lodge, and that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay the same to the said widow five dollars per month for six months next ensuing. Also, your committee would respectfully recommend (from the representation of our worthy Brothers, officers of Clermont Lodge,) that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay Brother Jonathan Johnson, S. W. of said Lodge, thirty dollars, with instructions to pay the same to the widow of our late worthy Brother G. S. Bryan. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Which report was read and accepted, and the appropriations agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Emmitt*, the sum of thirty dollars was appropriated out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the use of the widow of our late Brother W. Allison, to be paid to Brother Emmitt, and by him paid her in six monthly installments, to wit: five dollars per month for the six months ensuing.

The committee on Foreign Communications have attended to the duties assigned them, and find the following Grand Lodges have remitted the minutes of the proceedings for the past year to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, to wit: the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, Grand Lodges of Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Connecticut, Kentucky, North Carolina, New York, Nova Scotia and Rhode Island. The committee would respectfully represent, that after a careful examination of the above, they find nothing worthy the consideration of the Grand Lodge. They therefore ask leave to be discharged. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Whereupon the committee was discharged.

On motion of Brother *W. B. Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Brothers Broderick, Olmsted, Goodale and Patterson, be a committee to superintend the printing of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its present communication, and that they procure 350 copies thereof to be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

On motion of Brother *Haver*,

Resolved, That the subject of Morning Dawn Lodge No. 7, who are in arrears for dues for the years 1829, '30, '31, '32 and '33, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Brother *Haver*, B. Latham, P. M., was allowed the sum of four dollars fifty-four and a half cents postage for the Grand Lodge.

On motion, B. & J. Turnbull were allowed the sum of five dollars twelve and a half cents for stationery for the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Accounts reported the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That fifteen dollars be allowed to our Brother Smith, Grand Tyler, for his services at this grand communication.

Which resolution was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments, to wit:

Brother Ira Holcomb, of Gallia county, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers J. Johnson, of Williamsburgh, and John Haver, of Columbus, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion, Brother Young was allowed three dollars sixty-two and a

half cents for wood furnished the Grand Lodge at the present communication. Conrad Heyl was also allowed two dollars twenty-five cents for glazing for the Grand Lodge. Brother John C. Broderick, Grand Secretary, was also allowed the sum of ninety dollars for his services as Grand Secretary for the last year.

The committee appointed to prepare a Pay-Roll, presented a report, amounting to $247.80—which was agreed to.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That all the business liable to be acted upon at this session of the Grand Lodge, remaining unfinished, be postponed until the next annual communication.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, was closed in due and ancient form, to meet at Columbus, on the first Monday in January, A. L. 5835.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

JOHN C. BRODERICK, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, January 5, A. D. 1835—A. L. 5835.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother C. SCOTT, Columbus.]

The M. W GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, assembled at Masons' Hall, in the city of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the first Monday in January, 1835.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM JAMES REESE, Grand Master.
R. W. PHILO H. OLMSTED, Deputy Grand Master.
" " WILLIAM B. THRALL, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
" " ADAM PETERS, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
" " LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN C. BRODERICK, Grand Secretary.
" " G. CARPENTER, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE C. GEPHART, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " ANSON SMITH, Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in due and ancient form, and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Satterthwaite and Stewart.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers Carpenter, Scott and Reed.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee appointed to examine credentials, made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on Credentials report, that they have examined the returns of the subordinate Lodges, and find the following duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	A. Death.
4.	New England	I Metcalf, J. Kilbourn, Samuel Wilson,
5.	Amity	A. Peters, R. Stewart, R. Collum.
11.	Centre Star	Walter Thrall.
13.	St. Johns'	E. Smith.
14.	Franklin	George Keifer.
16.	Belmont	Wm. H. Johnson.
17.	Washington	John H. Dubbs.
23.	Pickaway	G. C. Gephart, W. B. Thrall.
30.	Ohio	C. Scott, J. B. Crist.
38.	Highland	J. M. Barrere.
43.	West Union	Nelson Barrere.
44.	Columbia	B. Latham.
45.	Steubenville	S. Stokely.
46.	Miami	A. Death, W. Mounts.
50.	Science	H. Kilbourn, J. N. Sloan.
54.	Milford	L. A. Hendrick.
57.	Lancaster	W. J. Reese, George Myers, G. Carpenter.
61.	Bethel	Joseph Perine.
76.	Somerset	John Leidy.

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
77.	Lafayette	Seldon Graves.
79.	Lafayette	J. A. McConnell, Asa R. Cassiday, G. Winkoop.
81.	Lafayette	A. Death.
82.	Bolivar	J. M. Gray.
86.	Centre	A. Cornell.
100.	Orphans' Friend	A. T. Holcomb.

A constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared the GRAND LODGE duly opened for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Satterthwaite*,

Resolved, That so much of the By Laws as requires the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the last annual communication, be dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following standing committees, viz:

On Accounts—Brothers Peters, Leidy and N. Barrere.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Smith, Metcalf and Gephart.
On Grievances—Brothers Gray and Johnson.
On Charity—Brothers W. B. Thrall, Keifer and Myers.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers H. Kilbourn, Holcomb and Dubbs.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers J. Kilbourn, Stewart and Cassiday.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Stokely, Olmsted and Caldwell.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, on collecting and counting the ballots, the following named brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. WILLIAM JAMES REESE, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Circleville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " ADAM PETERS, Zanesville, Grand Senior Warden.
" " ABSALOM DEATH, Cincinnati, Grand Junior Warden.
" " LINCOLN GOODALE, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN C. BRODERICK, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" " JOHN M. GRAY, Eaton, Grand Marshal.
" " EDWIN SMITH, Dayton, Grand Orator.
" " ANSELM T. HOLCOMB, Gallipolis, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " J. B. CRIST, Columbus, Grand Chaplain.
" " GEORGE C. GEPHART, Circleville, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " JOHN ZEIGLER, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" " SAMUEL REED, Cincinnati, Grand Lecturer.

On motion, the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Hendricks, Peters and Goodale, a committee to prepare a pay roll.

On motion of Brother *Stokeley*,

Resolved, That the committee on Accounts report the form of a bond, for the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge to enter into, with security, for the safe keeping of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Olmsted*, it was

Resolved, That the resolution in regard to West Union Lodge, be referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Brother *Satterthwaite*, the subject of establishing a Masonic Manual Labor School, under the direction and supervision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was referred to the committee of Ways and Means, with instructions to report at as early a period as possible.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 6, 1835.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, to wit:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the communication from Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, have had the same under consideration, and report:—That, upon examination of the books of the Secretary, they find that said Lodge has not made a return to the Grand Lodge since the year 1830, nor has there been any dues paid by said Lodge since that period; in consequence of which, your committee are wholly at a loss to comply with the request contained in said communication, of remitting a part of their dues, or informing them what amount is due from them to the Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to communicate with said Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, and request that they forward to him returns for the years omitted by them, and that said correspondence be laid before the next grand annual communication.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Holcomb*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That Orphans' Friend Lodge be released from the payment of grand dues for the year 1834.

Brother *Smith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made report, that they had examined the communication from the members of Milford Lodge No. 54, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Milford Lodge No. 54, have leave from the Grand Lodge to hold their meetings at Milford, or at Perrin's Mills.

On motion of Brother *Goodale*, the Grand Lodge went into the installation of its Grand Officers for the ensuing year; who, being severally installed, took their appropriate stations.

Brother *W. B. Thrall* offered the following amendment to the By-Laws:

"ART. 1. The time of the future grand communications shall be the — day of ——, annually, and the place such as the Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, designate."

Which was laid upon the table, in order to receive action at the next grand communication.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report in reference to a resolution passed by West Union Lodge:

Resolved, That the brethren of West Union Lodge No. 43, be recommended by the Grand Lodge to rescind their resolution, absolutely suspending all operations for one year, and to meet as often as is convenient for the members themselves.

Brother *J. Kilbourn*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee to whom were referred the communications and correspondence of foreign Grand Lodges, have carefully examined the same—viz: from the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Vermont—and find nothing therein requiring the action of this Grand Lodge, further than to reciprocate the favors received. Your committee however remark with great satisfaction, from every quarter, the brightening prospects of the Fraternity, from the troubles and gloom which have surrounded it in many parts; especially in the firm,

consistent and efficient course pursued by the Grand Lodges of New York, Rhode Island and Vermont—except the general provision of the latter in regard to the resigning of charters. The committee have directed their chairman to read, as a part of this report, an address to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, etc., contained in pages 6, 7 and 8 of their communication of June, 1834, and some resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, passed in October last; which are as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, etc.:

The committee appointed to draw up a statement of facts respecting the recent proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in surrendering their civil charter, or act of incorporation, to the General Assembly of said state, and also respecting the present situation of the Masonic Institution in this state, respectfully report:

That the more immediate cause for surrendering the civil charter was, that the Grand Lodge preferred that course rather than to submit to a law, passed at the last January session of the Legislature, requiring all the incorporated Masonic bodies in this State to make annual returns to the General Assembly of their proceedings, with a list of all their members; and, in doing which, the Grand Lodge has surrendered nothing more to the General Assembly than what they had received from that body, it being a naked charter of incorporation, which only enabled the Grand Lodge to hold property and to act as a corporate body, without conferring any Masonic power or privileges. This charter was received by the Grand Lodge at a time when it was common for nearly all societies and companies in this State to petition the General Assembly for corporate powers, but which had become entirely useless in consequence of the Grand Lodge being without property. By retaining the charter, which, being viewed as a contract between the power granting it and the corporation created by that power, the Grand Lodge were considered as being amenable to the Legislature, and liable to vexatious inquiries and odious exactions, which they now feel themselves absolved from.

The Grand Lodge likewise recommended to the several subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, having charters of incorporation from the General Assembly, to surrender them; several of which have already done so, after placing their property in the hands of trustees, for the benefit of said Lodges; but no subordinate Lodge has, to our knowledge, even intimated a wish to surrender their Masonic charter to the Grand Lodge, and, at its last annual meeting, returns were received from all but three Lodges, with a list of their officers.

As Lodges in other States have not been incorporated, the civil and Masonic charters have been confounded, when spoken of in reference to this State. We wish it to be distinctly understood by all our Masonic brethren, either at home or abroad, that the *civil charters had no connexion with the Masonic charters;* that the Grand Lodge retains its Masonic powers as heretofore; and that its members have not relinquished their rights, as citizens, to assemble peaceably together, or to associate as Masons. To avoid the operation of the law referred to, as it respects the Grand Lodge, its charter of incorporation has been surrendered to the General Assembly; by doing which, we have disarmed our enemies and the Legislature of all right to visit us or interfere with our concerns, so long as we remain quiet and peaceable subjects, and conform to the constitutional laws of the land.

Your committee consider it within their province to give a brief history of the situation of the Masonic Institution in this State for a few years past. The anti-Masons, after having formed themselves into a political party, petitioned the General Assembly for the repeal of the Masonic charters, at the same time charging the Masons with high crimes and misdemeanors. After some delay, the Legislature appointed a committee from their own body to inquire into those charges. Several Masons were summoned to meet anti-Masons and seceders before said committee; and after a tedious investigation of nearly a fortnight, we were honorably acquitted.

An act was then passed prohibiting the administration of extra-judicial oaths, which was evidently aimed at the Masonic institution; as, during the investigation before the legislative committee, it had been acknowledged that obligations were administered in conferring the degrees of Masonry.

The anti-Masons subsequently joined with *another* political party, and, unitedly, gained the ascendancy in the Legislature; obtained a summons for the several Masonic corporations in this State to appear before the General Assembly, to show cause why their civil charters (or acts of incorporation) should not be declared forfeited. Three of the corporations in this city employed able counsel, and after a trial of ten days continuance, we came off triumphant in public estimation. But the General Assembly, after recalling six charters which they had granted conditionally, left sixteen unrepealed which they had granted in perpetuity, as there was no proof of their having been violated, and imposed restrictions upon them by passing the law before referred to, requiring all the incorporated Masonic bodies (during the time they shall remain incorporated) to make annual returns to the General Assembly.

As it regards the present situation of the Masonic institution in this State, your committee would observe, that notwithstanding the enactment of the laws herein referred

to, and the vexations they have otherwise had to encounter, yet Masons do not despond; and we hope and trust that they will continue to stand firm and "united by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection."

Respectfully submitted, by *Joseph S. Cooke,*
Barzillai Cranston,
William C. Barker.

Providence, June 24, 1834.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF VERMONT, PASSED OCTOBER 7TH, A. L. 5834.

RESOLVED, That this Grand Lodge feel it a duty they owe themselves as well as the whole Masonic Fraternity, to declare that, while its individual members are left to the free and unmolested enjoyment of their sentiments upon the various subjects connected with Religion and Politics, and the right to judge of men and their actions, they hereby most solemnly declare, that Masonic bodies have not the right to connect the institution with the sectarian or party views of either; that any attempt thereat is a gross innovation upon those principles, which, among good and correct Masons, are universally acknowledged, and should be universally practiced upon.

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge do at this time, as they have hitherto done, declare to the world, that the object of their association and motives for continuing therein, are founded upon the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. They disclaim the right of Masons to inflict corporal punishment, and acknowledge no other right to enforce obedience from its members, but Reprimand, Suspension and Expulsion.

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge recommend to those brethren who incline still to adhere to the institution of Masonry, to continue to cultivate a spirit of good will towards those who may differ from them respecting the *origin* and continuance of Freemasonry; and while we are ready to forgive those whose fidelity has been shaken by one of those popular commotions incident to our free institutions, we are also ready to judge with candor the motives by which they have been governed.

In presenting the foregoing resolutions, your committee will close their report, in the language of one of the late officers of this Grand Lodge, whose labors on earth are finished:

"We ask you to gaze with us upon the ominous gathering, which to no eye can be viewless; we ask you to contemplate its swelling aspect, its various phases, and its multiform ramifications; listen to its busy notes of preparation and anticipate its maturity of strength, and then imagine its consummation to have taken place. Then cast your eye around and see how many have quaked and quailed—how many have fled—how many have surrendered at discretion, and how many have renounced their faith and armed to battle us down. Then complete the picture, and when you find the smoke and din of the conflict is past, and the light streaming in upon us once more—not a heart flinching—not a hand palsied—but each and every one still invincible in defense of the mighty truth.

"If Freemasonry falls, her monument will not crumble nor her epitaph fade. It is erected upon the 'everlasting hills'—it is firmly planted in the deepest valleys. The widow's prayer of joy—the orphan's tear of gratitude, as they ascend, like the dew before the solar influence, bear with them its eulogy and its praise. So long as there remains a fragment of the temples of antiquity—so long as one stone of the edifices it has consecrated shall rest upon another—so long as Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth obtain among men, so long will its mausoleüm endure. The waves of popular prejudice may beat against it—the shout of popular clamor may be thrown back in echoes from its base—the 'winds and weathers' of time may press upon it, but still it will endure; glory will encircle it—honor will be yielded to it, and veneration will be felt for the hallowed recollections it quickens into action. And hereafter, when he casts his eyes over the galaxy of social institutions among men, the Philanthropist will involuntarily associate with his subject that other and celestial Galaxy, and realize, as now, from the fiat that has effected the one, so then from the economy that controlled the other, that he will soon have to mourn for a lost Pleiades,* which can never more be visible in the moral Constellation."

Nathan B. Haswell, Grand Master.
Philip C. Tucker, Dep. G. M.
Lavius Fillmore, G. S. W.
Solomon Mason, G .J. W.
E. T. Englesby, G. T.
John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Sec'y.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES KILBOURN,
R. STEWART,
A. R. CASSADY.

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* A Northern constellation.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee on Accounts, submitted the following report:

The committee on Accounts, to whom the subject of the examination of the Secretary and Treasurer's books, and the settlement of the accounts of the Grand Lodge with said officers, were referred, ask leave to report:

That on the 8th day of January, there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer....		$645.81
Received of the Grand Secretary		225.00
Premiums and dividends from Bank of Columbus	$287.50	
Dividend from Bank of Chillicothe	102.00	
		389.50
Interest for the year 1834		20.00
		$1,280.31
Amount paid out by Grand Treasurer, per vouchers		502.34
Balance in the hands of Grand Treasurer, January 6, 1835,		$777.97

The funds of the Grand Lodge, exclusive of the above balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, consist of Bank stock in the following Banks, viz:

Chillicothe Bank, 6 shares, paid	$ 600	
Columbus Bank, 10 shares, paid	1,000	
		1,600.00
Grand total		$2,377.97

The committee herewith beg leave to report a bond for the consideration and acceptance of the Grand Lodge, to be executed by Brother Goodale. They have also examined the certificates of the stock owned by the Grand Lodge in the Banks of Chillicothe and Columbus, and find that said stock is held in trust for the Grand Lodge by Brother L. Goodale. All which is respectfully submitted,

A. Peters,
John Leidy,
Nelson Barrere.

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion of Brother *W. B. Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to include, in the printed journal of the proceedings of the present grand communication, the By-Laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge, now in force.

Brother *Smith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, offered the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the letter of Brother J. R. Giddings, inclosing the charter of Jefferson Lodge No. 87, beg leave to report, That they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge rescind said charter, and the Secretary be ordered to place the same on file.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

Brother *Death*, from the committee on Grievances, submitted the following report:

The committee on Grievances have attended to the duties assigned them, and report: That there has been no business appearing worthy the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and would therefore beg to be discharged.

A. Death,
J. M. Gray,
W. H. Johnson.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the dues of Lafayette Lodge No. 81, for 1834, be remitted.

On motion of Brother *Smith*, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to contract for and superintend the printing of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its present communication, and that 250 copies thereof be printed and circulated in the usual manner.

And thereupon, Brothers Smith, Kilbourn and Scott, were appointed said committee.

On motion, Brother John C. Broderick was allowed the sum of ninety dollars, for his services as Grand Secretary for the past year; also, seventy-five cents for stationery, etc.

On motion, Brother Bela Latham was allowed fifteen dollars, fifty-three and a half cents postage for the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was ordered to draw on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of Brother Scott, for the sum of seven dollars, for printing circulars for the Grand Lodge.

On motion, Brother Zeigler was allowed five dollars and forty-five cents for his services as Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge at its present communication.

On motion, ordered, that the Grand Treasurer pay Brother Anson Smith nine dollars and seventy-five cents, for his services as Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge at its present communication.

On motion of Brother *Kilbourn*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby requested to invest four hundred dollars of the present cash funds of the Grand Lodge in the stock of the Clinton Bank of this city, provided the same can be obtained at par, or such other moneyed institution as he may deem most consonant to the interest of the Grand Lodge, he taking the certificate thereof in trust for the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 7, 1835.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Stokely*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made a report, accompanied by resolutions, on the subject of a manual labor school. Which report was accepted and the resolutions unanimously agreed to.

And thereupon, the M. W. Grand Master appointed the following committee, in pursuance thereof, to wit: Brother Samuel Stokely, of Steubenville; Brother E. Smith, of Dayton; Brother W. B. Thrall, of Circleville; Brother W. H. Johnson, of St. Clairsville; and Brother J. H. James, of Urbana.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge be added to the foregoing committee, to meet at Columbus, on the first Monday in July next.

Brother *Caldwell* offered the following resolution, the consideration of which was postponed until the next annual communication:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio appropriate the sum of $200, to be placed in the hands of the Grand Master of the Lodge, to aid in the education of such deaf and dumb children as cannot otherwise obtain an education—the selection of such children to be made by the M. W. Grand Master; and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for that sum, to be applied to that purpose, at such times, and in such amounts, as the Grand Master may deem necessary, not to exceed the above sum.

Brother *Peters* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to report to the next grand communication, a suitable form for the installation of its Grand Officers.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Brother RUFUS REED, of Fairfield county, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brothers JOHN M. BARRERE, of New Market, CHARLES SCOTT, of Columbus, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion of Brother *Holcomb*,

Resolved, That all business remaining unfinished, that ought to have been acted upon at this session, be postponed until our next regular communication.

On motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That 100 copies of the report and resolutions of the committee on Ways and Means, on the manual labor school, be printed under the direction of the committee, for the purpose of general circulation.

And thereupon, no further business appearing, and after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, the Grand Lodge adjourned, in ancient form, to meet at Columbus on the first Monday in January, 1836.

WILLIAM. J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

J. C. BRODERICK, *Grand Secretary.*

NOTE.—The By-Laws and resolutions of the Grand Lodge having been copied at large in the proceedings of the grand communication for the year 1833, and but slight alterations having been since made, it is deemed inexpedient to copy them again here.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held in Columbus, January 4, A. D. 1836.—A. L. 5836.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Bro. C. SCOTT, Columbus.]

The M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the city of Columbus, agreeably to their Constitution, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1836.

Grand Officers present—

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Master.
R. W. PHILO H. OLMSTED, Deputy Grand Master.
" " WILLIAM B. THRALL, Grand Senior Warden.
" " GEORGE R. MORTON, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
" " LINCOLN GOODALE, Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN C. BRODERICK, Grand Secretary.
" " G. CARPENTER, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " GEORGE C. GEPHART, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " J. ZEIGLER, Grand Tyler.

A Lodge of Master Masons was then opened in due and ancient form, and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Keifer and Reed.
To Examine Visitors—Brothers Gephart, Sloan and Stewart.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee appointed to examine Credentials, made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on Credentials respectfully report that they find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Samuel Reed.
4.	New England	D. Topping.
5.	Amity	R. Stewart.
9.	Mt. Zion	Wm. Bevans, A. Elliott.
11.	Centre Star	C. C. Rose, L. Humphrey.
14.	Franklin	G. Keifer.
16.	Belmont	C. S. Baron.
17.	Washington	W. B. Vanhook.
23.	Pickaway	W. B. Thrall, G. C. Gephart.
29.	Clermont	J. Johnson.
30.	Ohio	P. H. Olmsted.
45.	Steubenville	J. McKinney.
48.	Aurora	G. S. B. Hempstead.
50.	Science	J. N. Sloan.
57.	Lancaster	W. J. Reese, J. D. Caldwell.
61.	Bethel	R. W. Clarke.
64.	Mt. Vernon	P. Benedict.
77.	Lafayette	William McClure, Henry Kuhn.
79.	Lafayette	J. A. McConnell, G. Wynkoop, J. Sharp.
81.	Lafayette	S. Reed.
82.	Bolivar	P. M. Crume.
92.	Clinton	G. R. Morton.
100.	Orphans' Friend	A. T. Holcomb, I. Holcomb.

Making in all twenty-three Lodges duly represented. In addition to the above mentioned Lodges, the proxy of W. Y. Emmitt, as Senior Warden of Scioto Lodge No. 6, Chillicothe, but no return or dues received from said Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

J. D. Caldwell,
George Keifer,
Samuel Reed.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge of Ohio duly opened for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the last annual communication, be dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following standing committees, viz:

On Accounts—Brothers Hempstead, Elliott and Van Hook.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Thrall, Johnson and Benedict.
On Grievances—Brothers Morton, A. T. Holcomb and Keifer.
On Charity—Brothers Olmsted, Baron and Bevans.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Stewart, Kuhn and Wynkoop.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Reed, Humphrey and McKinney.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Hempstead, Thrall and Morton.

On motion of Brother *Van Hook*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a communication from Brother Samuel Hoover, late Secretary of New Lisbon Lodge, which was read and ordered to lie on the table:

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the amendment to the By-Laws, proposed at a former meeting of the Grand Lodge, and laid over to the present grand communication for consideration, in relation to the time and place of the future grand communications, was referred to a special committee of three, to wit:—Brothers Caldwell, Morton and Stewart.

On motion of Brother *Morton*, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, on collecting and counting the ballots, the following named brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. William J. Reese, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. William B. Thrall, Circleville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Samuel Reed, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
" " George R. Morton, Coshocton, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Lincoln Goodale, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " John C. Broderick, Columbus, Grand Secretary.
" " Robert Stewart, Zanesville, Grand Marshal.
" " ——— Matthews, Cincinnati, Grand Orator.

R. W. J. A. McConnell, Zanesville, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " George C. Gephart, Circleville, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " H. Matthews, Hebron, Grand Chaplain.
" " John Zeigler, Columbus, Grand Tyler.
" " John Barney, Worthington, Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*,

Resolved, That all communications to the Grand Lodge in relation to the proposed Manual Labor School, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means, with instructions to report the views of the subordinate Lodges in relation thereto.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the brother holding the proxy of brother W. Y. Emmitt, Senior Warden of Scioto Lodge No. 6, be permitted to take his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *M' Clure*,

Resolved, That Lafayette Lodge No. 77, be permitted to hold their meetings for the ensuing year in the town of Tiffin, until the next regular grand communication.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

Tuesday, January 5, 1836.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment: present as before.

Brother *Reed*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report:

The committee on Foreign Communications report: That they have examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Virginia, South Carolina and the Territory of Florida; all of which appear to be well represented and in a flourishing condition; but your committee have not been able to discover anything requiring the immediate action of this Grand Lodge, and would therefore beg to be discharged from further duty.

Report accepted, and committee discharged.

On motion of Brother *Morton*, Brothers Hempstead, Elliott and Morton, were appointed a committee to prepare a pay roll.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the charter of Aurora Lodge No. 48, submitted the following report, which was agreed to, and resolution adopted:

That said charter is on paper, and dated December 15, 1820, and is so much mutilated as to be utterly unfit for further use. Your committee are informed that by a former resolution of the Grand Lodge, all those Lodges within its jurisdiction whose charters are on paper were authorized to surrender the same and receive in lieu thereof charters on parchment; such Lodges being severally chargeable with the fees of the Grand Secretary for filling the same. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Aurora Lodge No. 48, be authorized to return its charter and receive a new one upon parchment, bearing date herewith, and preserving its former number.

Brothers *Hempstead* and *Elliott*, from the committee on Accounts, submitted the following report:

The committee on Accounts, to whom the examination of the Secretary's and Treasurer's books and the settlement of the accounts of the Grand Lodge with those officers were referred, report: That on the 5th day of January, 1836, there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer—

The amount at last report	$777 97
The amount received of Grand Secretary	172 50
Dividend on stock in the Franklin Bank	50 00
" " " Chillicothe Bank	60 00
" " " Clinton Bank	10 40
" " " Franklin Bank	50 00
	$1120 87
Amount paid out by the Grand Treasurer as per vouchers	874 03
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer this day	$246 84
In the hands of Grand Secretary since last communication	15 00
In the hands of Grand Secretary at this time	219 50
	$481 34
Amount of stock in Franklin Bank	1000 00
" " Clinton Bank	400 00
" " Chillicothe Bank	600 00
	$2481 34

G. S. B. Hempstead,
Alexander Elliott.

Brother *Hempstead*, from the committee of Ways and Means, made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted:

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred the papers connected with the proposed Manual Labor School, have had the same under consideration, and from the documents submitted to them, with the evidence furnished by their own observation, they feel safe in recommending the measure to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. Propositions of a very liberal character have been received from a few subordinate Lodges, from two of which your committee would observe the sum of eight thousand dollars has been offered, and from some others the annual contribution of two hundred for five years. The munificence of these donations will at once satisfy the Grand Lodge of the practicability of this great and important object. Your committee have reason to believe that the report and resolutions of this committee at the last grand communication were not received by many of the subordinate Lodges, and that many of those who did receive them from some cause have failed to respond to the request of the Grand Lodge. From these considerations your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the several subordinate Lodges be requested to inform the Grand Lodge at its next annual grand communication, the amount of funds they will set apart and appropriate for the purpose of establishing a *Manual Labor School*, and what sum the Grand Treasurer may draw upon them for, annually, for five years ensuing; and what other specific donation they have or will make for the object above mentioned.

2. That it be recommended to the several subordinate Lodges to endeavor to increase the fund set apart and appropriated as aforesaid, by contributions voluntarily made by Masonic brethren in their vicinity, not members thereof, and to appoint suitable committees for the purpose of soliciting contributions and donations for that fund.

3. That the select committee of six heretofore appointed, be requested to prepare and report a suitable site for the location of said school, with an estimate of its cost. To report a plan for the erection of the buildings, the organization and government of said school, and that all contingent donations be referred to said committee.

4. That a committee consisting of one or more from each judicial circuit be appointed, to visit or address by letter all the Lodges in the districts in which each may reside, that the objects of the above resolutions may be speedily accomplished.

G. S. B. Hempstead,
William B. Thrall,
George R. Morton.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments:

1st Judicial Circuit,	Brothers			D. S. Davis, P. M. Crume.
2d	"	"	"	Henry Kemper, Platt Benedict.
3d	"	"	"	William Coolman, Jr.
4th	"	"	"	George R. Morton, A. R. Cassady.
5th	"	"	"	Joseph Bell, John Leslie.
6th	"	"	"	Henry Brush, Isaac Davis.
7th	"	"	"	Absalom Death.
8th	"	"	"	G. S. B. Hempstead, A. T. Holcomb.
9th	"	"	"	Oliver M. Spencer, Jr.
10th	"	"	"	R. W. Clarke, L. A. Hendricks.
11th	"	"	"	William Bevans, W. R Sapp.
12th	"	"	"	James Kilbourn.

Former committee are as follows:

Brother W. J. Reese, Lancaster; Brother Samuel Stokely, Steubenville; Brother E. Smith, Dayton; Brother William B. Thrall, Circleville; Brother William H. Johnson, St. Clairsville; Brother J. H. James, Urbana.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee to whom was referred the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:

That they have given to that subject all the attention which their limited time affords; but are unable to come to any definite conclusion in relation to the proposed amendment. They are aware that the present location is entirely unavailable, that the present Hall, situate in the fourth story, is inconvenient in point of situation, as well as size, to accommodate the Grand Lodge. In addition to this, the members are compelled to pass through the rooms of private individuals in passing to the Lodge room. In addition to which, the location of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in an obscure room that can be come at only with difficulty, is derogatory to the character of the noble Institution of Masonry; and, in the opinion of those unacquainted with its principles, highly calculated to bring it into contempt. In addition to this, the almost entire neglect of all the business of Masonry by the brethren who reside in this city, is well calculated to throw the subject of Masonry in the back ground, and prevent that emulation amongst the brethren of remote Lodges, to represent them in their Lodge, which would be more general if those in the immediate vicinity of the Grand Lodge were more zealous and devoted to the Order. In addition to this, the city of Columbus does not afford that accommodation to the members that might be obtained at other points, owing to the sitting of the Legislature at the same time, and the crowd of visitors and strangers consequent on the session of that body.

Your committee are of opinion that while the Grand Lodge owns no Hall to confine them to any one place, it would conduce to the advancement of the Order to change the place of holding the meetings of the Grand Lodge to such place as said Grand Lodge may from time to time deem proper, and that the time be changed from the first Monday in January to the first Wednesday preceding the 24th of June in each year, and the place of meeting be Lancaster, in Fairfield county.

Brother *Reed* submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns its present annual grand communication, it adjourn to meet in the town of Lancaster.

On which the ayes and noes were called and taken by Lodges, and resulted as follows: yeas 61, nays 11.

Brother *Kuhn*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business report: That they have examined the records of the Grand Lodge, and find no business remaining unfinished excepting the resolution offered by Brother Caldwell at the last session of the Grand Lodge, appropria-

ting two hundred dollars for the relief of such deaf and dumb children of Masons not otherwise provided for, and would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge take measures to put into effect the appropriation of said resolution, and that the committee be discharged from further consideration.

HENRY KUHN,
ROBERT STEWART,
G. WYNKOOP.

Which report was accepted and resolution adopted.

On motion of Brother *Bevans*, the following preamble and resolution were agreed to:

WHEREAS, In the year 1832, Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, was so unfortunate as to lose their funds by the circumstance of the insolvency of its Treasurer, therefore,

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge, That the dues of said Lodge for the years of 1833 and 1834 be remitted, and that the Grand Treasurer be hereby authorized to return the amount of said dues to said Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.

Brother *Reese* offered the following amendment to the By-Laws:

ARTICLE I. The time of the future grand communications shall be the ——— day of ———, annually, and the place such as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time designate.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, in the matter of issuing dispensations for the erection of two new Lodges, one at Massillon, Stark county, and one at Neville, in Clermont county, made report:

That they have examined the papers in the premises, and find them to be in form. But inasmuch as some dissatisfaction is represented to exist on the part of a considerable number of the brethren of Bethel Lodge No. 61, in reference to the establishment of the said new Lodge at Neville, (a remonstrance* being filed with the committee

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* The undersigned, representative from Bethel Lodge No. 61, having learned that a dispensation has been granted to the applicants at Neville, Ohio, upon the recommendation of Bethel Lodge, (it being nearest thereto,) begs leave to remonstrate against the granting of a charter to said applicants, or even to a continuation of their dispensation, for the following reasons:

1st. The resolution of Bethel Lodge, recommending said applicants and their demands, is too vague and indefinite to authorize the grant of a charter according to the By-Laws. (See Art. 15.)

2d. Said resolution was introduced without any previous notice in said Bethel Lodge, and received an immediate action the evening of its presentation.

3d. Said resolution was passed by a vote of 4 to 3, there being but seven members present, and our said Lodge (to wit: Bethel Lodge) has, and had then, fifteen or twenty members.

4th. A part of the petitioners reside in the State of Kentucky, and did so reside at the time of petitioning.

5th. That said application does not state that any of the applicants are Past Masters, which is required by the 7th Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

6th. That they have failed to comply with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge in not forwarding a copy of their proceedings since the granting of the dispensation. (See Article 16.)

7th. The town of Neville is situated in Clermont county, Ohio, the same county in which Bethel Lodge and two other Lodges are already working, and it is generally conceded by the Masons of that county that there are Lodges enough already in said county for the good of Masonry, and that if there should be need for another, there is certainly no place in the county so poorly calculated for the prosperity of the same as that of Neville; the town is old and run down, possessing neither population nor wealth in any remarkable degree, and it is situated but twelve miles from Bethel; and there are other

against the establishment of said new Lodge, by the representative of said Bethel Lodge,) and inasmuch as said new Lodge has failed to report its By-Laws and a minute of its proceedings under the dispensation of the M. W. Grand Master, as is required by the 16th section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, your committee propose the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the dispensation for a new Lodge at Massillon, in Stark county, be continued until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

2. That the dispensation for a new Lodge at Neville, in Clermont county, be suspended until the next grand communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, Brother Latham was allowed eight dollars and ninety-seven cents for postage for the Grand Lodge.

On motion, Brother J. C. Broderick was allowed the sum of ninety dollars for his services as Grand Secretary for the past year.

On motion of Brother *Reese*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, In the year of 1834, Lancaster Lodge No. 57, returned to the Grand Lodge of Ohio eleven members initiated and forty-one regular members, for whom said Lodge paid as grand dues thirty-one dollars and fifty cents, for which they hold the receipt of the Grand Secretary; and,

WHEREAS, Said sum was paid under the impression that the grand dues were one dollar for each initiation, and fifty cents for each member: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to refund to the representative of said Lancaster Lodge fifteen dollars and seventy-five cents, the amount over paid by said Lodge, as grand dues for 1834.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the amount of twelve dollars be allowed Brother Zeigler, Grand Tyler, for his services at this grand communication.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred a communication of Brother Samuel Hoover, on behalf of himself and sundry other brethren of New Lisbon Lodge No 65, made report:

That they have had the matter thereof under consideration and submit the following as the result of their deliberation in the premises:

Resolved, That the brethren of New Lisbon Lodge No. 65, be authorized to resume their labors, and that it be recommended to the brethren of said Lodge to adhere strictly to the established usages of the Fraternity generally, and especially with reference to conferring the degrees of Masonry without the fees having been first paid.

Resolved, That each and every subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, be hereafter required to pay to the Grand Lodge the annual Grand dues, and that each subordinate Lodge be represented; and that said representative be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, two dollars for every twenty-five miles going to and returning from said Grand Lodge, and the sum of two dollars for every day's attendance during the session of the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, That not more than one delegate shall be entitled to compensation for each day.

On motion,

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions take effect and be in force from and after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, at the present grand communication.

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towns in the same county of much brighter prospects, who have asked a similar favor, and from their contiguity to other Lodges have been rejected, with four fold the claims to the privilege of a charter to that of Neville.

For these reasons, and others which might be assigned, the undersigned is induced to remonstrate against the claims of said applicants. Not from any private feelings towards the present applicants, but upon the broad principle of expediency as regards the present character and future prosperity of Universal Masonry.

R. W. CLARKE, *Rep. of Bethel Lodge No.* 61.

June 5, 1836.

On motion of Brother *Reed*,

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge at each annual communication, seventy-five cents for each initiation, and thirty-seven and a half cents for each member thereto belonging.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*,

Resolved, That Brother Broderick be authorized to take charge of the furniture, books and papers of the Grand Lodge, and cause the same to be removed to Lancaster before the next grand annual communication, and draw upon the Treasurer for the amount he may expend in executing this resolution.

Brother *Morton*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances have attended to the duties assigned them and report, that there has been no business appearing worthy the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to make the following appointments:

Brother HIRAM G. DANIELS, of Gallia county, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers N. BARTLETT, of Cincinnati, and BENJAMIN CARMAN, of Norwalk, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*,

Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed to contract for and superintend the printing of the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its present communication, and that 250 copies thereof be printed and circulated in the usual manner; and that said committtee be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

Whereupon, Brother J. C. Broderick was appointed said committee.

Brother *Olmsted*, from the committee on Charity, made the following report:

The committee on Charity, to whom was referred several applications for charity, have had the same under consideration, but do not find but one that could properly be considered a case of emergency. The application of Brother Elliott, for the relief of the widow of Brother Boalse, the committee consider a case which merits the attention of the Grand Lodge, and herewith offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteeen dollars be appropriated and paid to Brother Elliott, for the use of the widow of Brother Boalse, deceased.

P. H. OLMSTED,
C. S. BARON,
WM. BEVANS.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will publicly observe the festival of St. John the Baptist, at its next regular communication; and that the M. W. Grand Master be requested to take suitable measures for carrying into effect this resolution.

On motion of Brother *Broderick*,

Resolved, That Brother Caldwell be allowed his travel and daily compensation, as a member of the Grand Lodge, representing Scioto Lodge No. 6, at this annual communication.

And thereupon, no further business appearing, and after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, the Grand Lodge adjourned in ancient form; to meet at Lancaster, on the 22d of June, 1837.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master*.

Attest:

JOHN C. BRODERICK, *Grand Secretary*.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

In the Town of Lancaster, Wednesday, June 22, A. D. 1837—A. L. 5837.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother GEORGE SANDERSON, Lancaster.]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Lancaster, on the 22d day of June, 1837, in conformity to a resolution passed by said Lodge, at the regular communication in January, 1836.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Deputy Grand Master.
" " SAMUEL REED, Grand Senior Warden.
" " A. R. CASSIDAY, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE MYERS, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.*
" " JOHN C. BRODERICK, Grand Secretary.
" " HENRY KUHN, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " R. M. SINKS, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Grand Tyler *pro tem.*

A Lodge of Master Masons was then opened in ample form; and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney and Carpenter.
On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Myers and Stewart.

The committee appointed to examine Credentials, made the following report, which was accepted:

That they find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	John Cottle, I. C. Copelen.
4.	New England	Ira Metcalf, C. Rogers.
5.	Amity	G. L. Shinnick, R. Stewart, Wm. Twaddle.
13.	St. Johns'	E. Smith.
16.	St. Clairsville	Wilmeth Jones.
23.	Pickaway	W. B. Thrall, M. Robbins.
29.	Clermont	Jonathan Johnston.
38.	Highland	J. M. Barrere.
44.	Columbia	Othniel Looker.
46.	Miami	William McCammon.
48.	Aurora	A. C. Davis.
54.	Milford	D. Perrin.
57.	Lancaster	W. J. Reese, G. Myers, G. Carpenter.
61.	Bethel	R. M. Sinks.
77.	Lafayette	Henry Kuhn.
79.	Lafayette	A R. Cassiday, John Hall, G. Winkoop.
81.	Lafayette	Sam'l Reed, I. C. Copelen.

Making in all seventeen Lodges duly represented. All which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

JAS. D. CALDWELL,
GEO. MYERS,
ROBERT STEWART.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges are represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO duly opened for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*,

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the minutes of the last grand communication, be dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following standing committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Thrall, Cassiday and Hall.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Reed, Smith and Kuhn.
On Grievances—Brothers Isaac C. Copelen, A. R. Cassiday and D. Perrin.
On Charity—Brothers R. Stewart, Barrere and Looker.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Sinks, McCammon and A. C. Davis.
On Foreign Communications—Brother Cottle, Shinnick and Robbins.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Smith, Myers and Caldwell.
On Pay Roll—Brothers G. Carpenter, Winkoop and Metcalf.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a communication from Brother Goodale, containing his report as Grand Treasurer, which was read and referred to the committee on Accounts.

The committee on Credentials presented the report of Mansfield Lodge No. 35, which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 23, 1837.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report, that they have examined numerous documents connected with the subject referred to them, and find the Dispensations recently granted to Brother James Kain and others, his associates, to hold a Lodge in the town of Neville, satisfactory; that they have examined a copy of the By Laws, together with an abstract of their proceedings up to this time, and find the same regular, and fully to justify the Grand Lodge in issuing a Charter to said Lodge. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Brother James Kain and his associates, to hold a Lodge in the town of Neville, in the county of Clermont, in this State, to be called Neville Lodge No. —.

Said committee further report, that they have examined the returns of Mansfield Lodge No. 35, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the return of said Lodge be received and the dues remitted, and that the representatives of said Lodge be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

Which reports were accepted and resolutions agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this Grand Lodge, that Scioto Lodge No. 6, has made its return to the Grand Lodge for the current year, and appointed Brother James

D. Caldwell its representative; and also that Somerset Lodge No. 76, has in like manner made its return, and appointed Brother Isaac C. Davis its representative; but from some circumstances, unknown to the representatives as well as to your committee, the returns of said Lodges have not been received. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brothers Caldwell and Davis be authorized to take their seats in the Grand Lodge as representatives of their respective Lodges, and should such returns fail to reach the Grand Lodge during the present communication, that said Lodges have until the next grand communication to make their said returns.

On motion of Brother *Mc Cammon*,

Resolved, That the making out of the grand dues, the present session, be referred to a special committee of three.

Whereupon, Brothers McCammon, Johnston and Rogers were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Reed*, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The brethren of Harrison Lodge No. 44, in the town of Harrison, requested their representative to obtain authority of the Grand Lodge to hold their meetings, in future, in the town of Miamitown, in Hamilton county, in this State: *Therefore*,

Resolved, That the brethren of Harrison Lodge No. 44, be and they are hereby authorized to hold their meetings, in future, in Miamitown.

On motion of Brother *Kuhns*,

Resolved, That Lafayette Lodge No. 77, be authorized to hold their meetings in the town of Tiffin, if a majority of the members prefer that place.

On motion of Brother *Cottle*,

Resolved, That the revised By-Laws of Lafayette Lodge No. 81, be referred to a committee of three.

Whereupon, Brothers Cottle, Kuhn and McCammon were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report what action may be proper on the part of the Grand Lodge in relation to delinquent subordinate Lodges.

Brothers Thrall, Smith and Johnson were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee on Credentials, presented a petition from Orphans' Friend Lodge No. 100, and paid the dues, amounting to four dollars; also, the return of Jefferson Lodge, No. 90, with their dues of $17.62.

Brother *Kuhn*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, having had under consideration the petition of Andrew Walker, R. J. Shepherd, W. W. Noland, and their associates, accompanied with the recommendation of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, together with the recommendation from members of Amity Lodge No. 5, praying for a dispensation to hold a Lodge in the town of Dresden, Muskingum county, in this State, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to said petitioners.

Which report was agreed to and the resolution adopted.

Brother *Kuhn*, from the same committee, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report, that the charter of Milford Lodge No. 54, has been lost or mislaid. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a new charter be issued to said Milford Lodge, retaining its original rank and number, and embodying the resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed in January, 1835, authorizing said Lodge to hold its meetings either at Milford or Perrin's Mills.

The special committee to whom was referred the amended By-Laws of Lafayette Lodge No. 81, as recently revised, made report:

That they have examined the same, and are of opinion that said By-Laws are in strict accordance with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

JOHN COTTLE,
HENRY KUHN,
JAMES B. CAMERON.

The committee on Credentials made the following report:

The committee on Credentials respectfully report, that Orphans' Friend Lodge No. 100, has transmitted to the Grand Lodge the amount of their grand dues; that Brother A. T. Holcomb, Master of said Lodge, was prevented by casualty from attending the Grand Lodge, at its present session, after having traveled thirty-five miles on his way to this place for that purpose. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Grand Lodge pay to Brother A. T. Holcomb, the sum of five dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of fees for traveling seventy miles.

J. D. CALDWELL,
GEORGE MYERS.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

The committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business report, that they have carefully examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its last regular communication, and find no unfinished business requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

ARTHUR C. DAVIS,
R. M. SINKS,
WM. MCCAMMON.

Which report was accepted.

The special committee to whom was referred the subject of the dues of the subordinate Lodges, made the following report:

Your committee would respectfully report, that owing to the change in the time of holding the meeting of the Grand Lodge, from January until June, some of the subordinate Lodges have made their returns to the Grand Lodge from January, 1836, to January, 1837; others from January, 1836, to June, 1837; while others have made their returns from January, 1836, to January, 1837, and from January, 1837, up to the present June, when, in the opinion of your committee, it was the intention of the Grand Lodge that dues should be paid, and returns made from January, 1836, up to June, 1837; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-seven and a half cents, for each member returned, be received in full for Grand Lodge dues, from January, 1836, to June, 1837.

WILLIAM MCCAMMON,
JONATHAN JOHNSTON,
CHANDLER ROGERS.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, A diversity of opinion pervades with the Secretaries of the subordinate Lodges with respect to the manner of making out the Grand Lodge dues: *Therefore*,

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges be required to pay for each member returned the stipulated Grand Lodge fee, although such members may not have been members from the meeting of the Grand Lodge until its next annual communication.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That New Lisbon Lodge No. 65, be exonerated from paying any dues prior to the first of January, 1837.

On motion of Brother *Copelen*,

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns its present grand communication, it will adjourn to meet again in the town of Lancaster, on the first Tuesday preceding the 24th of June, 1838.

Brother *Cassiday* presented the following interrogation to the Grand Lodge, to wit:

When a brother Mason, in regular standing, applies to a Lodge for admission as a visitor, and a member of the Lodge then in the Lodge room objects to his admittance, has the Master of the Lodge the power to refuse the visiting brother admittance?

2d. Can a petition for initiation or membership, after the same is duly presented to the Lodge, be withdrawn either in person, or by proxy?

Which interrogations were submitted to Brothers Cassiday, Shinnick and Barney, as a special committee, to which committee Brother Reese was added.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year, when the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices annexed to their respective names, to wit:

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Circleville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " SAMUEL REED, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
" " JOHN C. BRODERICK, Columbus, Grand Junior Warden.
" " GEORGE MYERS, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.
" " G. CARPENTER, Lancaster, Grand Marshal.
" " EDWIN SMITH, Dayton, Grand Orator.
" " J. A. REED, Mansfield, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " R. M. SINKS, Bethel, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " ISAAC C. HUNTER, Circleville, Grand Chaplain.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.
" " JOHN BARNEY, Worthington, Grand Lecturer.

The standing committee on the *Masonic Manual Labor School*, made the following report:

The standing committee, charged with the consideration of the subject of the erection of a Masonic Manual Labor School, have had that subject under consideration, and now respectfully report: That at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, several resolutions were passed relative to the establishment of said school. Your committee regret that comparatively very few of the subordinate Lodges have so responded to the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, as to enable the Grand Lodge safely to take any definitive measures for the establishment of such school. The select committee heretofore appointed for that purpose, have not been able to report a suitable site for said school, nor other indicatory *incipient* steps for the establishment of the same; neither has the committee, consisting of one or more from each judicial circuit, which was appointed to address the Lodges in their respective districts in relation to this matter, made any report in the premises; or, so far as your committee are advised, taken any other steps in relation to the duty assigned them by the Grand Lodge. Some few Lodges have reported specifically, that they will severally obligate themselves

to contribute for the contemplated work; but while the promptness and liberality displayed by these Lodges deserve the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, your committee are constrained to say that a majority of the Lodges have manifested an apathy on the subject such as should admonish us to be cautious in taking any step which, by a failure, might compromit the character of the Grand Lodge. Your committee, in this view of the state of the facts, are constrained, with reluctance, to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the further consideration of the subject of a Masonic Manual Labor School, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby indefinitely postponed.
2. That all committees heretofore appointed on the subject of said school, be and they are hereby discharged from the further consideration of said subject.

Which report was accepted and the resolutions adopted.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the dues of Scioto Lodge No. 6, that have accrued up to this time, to the Grand Lodge, be remitted, and that no compensation be allowed to the representative of said Lodge at the present communication.

On motion of Brother *Myers*,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Brother John C. Broderick, for the faithful, prompt, and assiduous manner in which he has, for a series of years, discharged the office of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 23, 1837.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *Reed*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report, that they have examined the By-Laws and proceedings of Clinton Lodge No. —, held in the town of Massillon, (working under dispensation,) and find their proceedings regular, and such as will entitle them to a charter. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Clinton Lodge No. —, in the town of Massillon.
2. That said Lodge be directed to forward to the Grand Secretary a printed copy of their By-Laws so soon as convenient.
3. That the Grand Lodge recommend to said Lodge not to receive candidates or act upon petitions at any other time than their regular monthly meetings.

The committee on Foreign Communications made the following report, which was accepted, to wit:

That nothing has been presented for the consideration of your committee requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Thrall*, from the select committee appointed to inquire and report what action is proper on the part of the Grand Lodge in relation to delinquent subordinate Lodges, made report:

That they have bestowed on this most delicate and interesting subject all the attention which their limited time and other duties would permit; and are of opinion that the time has now arrived when the honor of the Grand Lodge, and the interests of Masonry generally, demand that some decisive measure should be adopted on the part of the Grand Lodge to assert her legitimate authority and maintain her jurisdiction.

There are within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, many subordinate Lodges that have made no report to the Grand Lodge for several years past, and have otherwise treated with neglect, not to say with contumely, the edicts of the Grand Lodge. "These things ought not so to be;" and while permitted on the part of the Grand Lodge, your committee deem it morally impossible for our institution to command that respect in the estimation of the world, or even of its own members, which its great antiquity—the purity of its principles—and the long catalogue of its illustrious patrons should ever challenge. A variety of modes have suggested themselves to your committee as practicable for remedying the evil complained of. All of these modes, however, are subject to objections more or less serious; and your committee have endeavored to ascertain and report such course as promises the greatest amount of benefit and presents obstacles most easily surmounted.

Your committee are of opinion that no radical cure can be effected by any means short of sending an officer, clothed with the authority of the Grand Lodge, to visit the several delinquent Lodges—ascertain their present condition—make inquest of their proceedings since their latest report to the Grand Lodge—and, if the same should be deemed necessary, to receive their charter, jewels and effects, and make report of his proceedings to the Grand Lodge at its next grand communication. This is a service, your committee are aware, the due execution of which requires the exercise of both prudence and discretion, as well as firmness and decision of character. But without the faithful performance of this duty, we deem it vain to assert the authority of the Grand Lodge, and idle to talk of its jurisdiction. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That there be elected by ballot, at the present grand communication, a GRAND VISITANT, whose duty it shall be, during recess of the Grand Lodge, to visit each Lodge within the State of Ohio, which shall not have reported to the Grand Lodge within the last two years—make inquiry as to their present condition and prospects, as well as to their proceedings subsequently to their last report to the Grand Lodge; and if, in his judgment, the interests of Masonry require it, to receive their charter, jewels and other effects, and make report of his proceedings, in writing, to the next grand communication of the Grand Lodge.

2. That said Grand Visitant be, and he is hereby authorized to summon a meeting of members of such delinquent Lodges, or any of them that he may deem necessary, for the due execution of the duties enjoined upon him by the preceding resolution.

3. That the sum of $300 be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to defray the necessary expense incurred by the Grand Visitant in the discharge of his official duties; and that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to issue his warrant upon the Treasurer for the amount. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. THRALL,
EDWIN SMITH,
JONATHAN JOHNSON.

The committee on Grievances made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on Grievances have attended to the duties assigned them, and report: That no business has come before them requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge.

ISAAC C. COPELEN.
DARIUS PERRIN.

On motion of Brother *Cottle*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will publicly instal its Grand Officers elect at the Presbyterian Church on to-morrow.

Brother *Cassiday* presented the account of Brother W. B. Thrall, for printing and forwarding circulars to subordinate Lodges, amounting to five dollars, which was allowed, and ordered to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

Brother *Cassiday*, from the committee to whom was referred several interrogations to the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was ordered to lie on the table:

The special committee to whom was referred the two following questions, to wit:

When a brother Mason, in regular standing, applies to a Lodge for admission as a visitor, and a member of the Lodge, then in the Lodge room, objects to his admittance, has the Master of the Lodge the power to refuse the visiting brother admittance?

2d. Can a petition for initiation or membership, after the same is duly presented to the Lodge, be withdrawn by the petitioner, either in person or by proxy? report:

On the first question, in the opinion of your committee, the brother objecting should make his objection known to the W. M., who is bound to receive it, and keep it a profound secret; and if he deems his objection reasonable, has the power to refuse admittance to the applicant.

On the second question, it is the opinion of your committee, that when the petition is received, and entered on the minutes, it is the property of the Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn unless by a vote of the Lodge, at least three-fourths of the members present concurring therein. All which is respectfully submitted.

A. R. Cassiday,
George L. Shinnick,
John Barney.

Brother *Broderick* presented the account of Scott & Wright, for publishing the notice of meeting in Lancaster, and printing three quires of blank Dispensations, amounting to six dollars, which was allowed, and ordered to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

Brother *Thrall* presented the account of Brother J. C. Broderick, for eighteen months service as Grand Secretary, $135.00; box package and drayage of Grand Lodge books and papers, $75.00; which account was allowed, and ordered to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

On motion of Brother *Reed*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the amount expended by the committee on the Manual Labor School, in the discharge of their duties, under the appointment of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon Brothers Reed, Stewart and Kuhn were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to make a list of the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, designating them by their names and locations, and append a copy of said list to the printed proceedings of the present grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the Grand Tyler be allowed twelve dollars for his services during the present grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Reed*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed to contract for and superintend the printing of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its present communication; and that 250 copies be printed, with a blank form of returns, to be circulated in the usual manner; and that said committee be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

The Grand Secretary was appointed said committee.

The committee of Ways and Means made the following report: That on examination of the available funds of the Grand Lodge, they discover that there are orders to about the amount of one hundred dollars more than funds to pay. Also, that the Grand Lodge has created the office of Grand Visitant, with a salary of three hun-

dred dollars per year; therefore your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to make a loan of five hundred dollars, on the faith of the Grand Lodge, for the above purposes. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN SMITH,
GEO. MYERS,
JAS. D. CALDWELL.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge has resolved, at its present communication, that the sum of thirty-seven and a half cents, for each member, be received as the amount in full of Grand Lodge dues from January, 1836, to June, 1837; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary refund the amounts he may have received from any Lodge, over that sum, as dues from January, 1836, to June, 1837.

The report of the committee on Accounts was taken up, and referred back to said committee.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments:

IRA METCALF, of Worthington, Grand Sword Bearer.

G. WINKOOP, of Zanesville, and JAMES KANE, of Neville, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion of Brother *Mc Cammon*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish the Grand Visitant with a list of delinquent Lodges, with their respective places of holding their meetings, and the amount of their delinquencies up to this time, and also a copy of the report and resolutions relative thereto.

On motion of Brother *Cottle*,

The Grand Lodge took up the report of the committee on the Pay Roll, and the same was agreed to.

Brother *Reed*, from the special committee appointed to ascertain the amount expended by the committee on the Manual Labor School, made the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged:

Your committee find that the following sums have been expended by the members of the committee on the Manual Labor School:

By Brother Reese, for traveling expenses to Columbus, in attendance to his duties on said committee	$6 00
By Brother Thrall, ditto	5 00
By Brother Smith, ditto	20 00
By Brother Thrall, expenses, &c., to Cincinnati	20 00
Making in all the sum of	$51 00

Which claims were ordered to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock: *Provided*, that no per diem allowance be made for the meeting on to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned accordingly.

SATURDAY, June 24th, 1837.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment: present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Myers*, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the resolution adopted on yesterday, proposing a public installation of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

2. That the Grand Lodge will now proceed to the installation of its officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the installation of its officers, who took their appropriate stations,

When the Grand Lodge proceeded, with appropriate ceremonies, to commemorate the anniversary festival of St. John the Baptist.

At 4 o'clock P. M. the Lodge returned to their Hall, and resumed the regular business of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to solicit a copy of the address this day delivered by Brother WAITE, for publication, and that the Grand Secretary forward a copy to each subordinate Lodge.

Brothers Thrall, Myers and Caldwell were appointed said committee.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Fraternity be presented to the Reverend Pastor and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, for the use of their edifice, kindly tendered on this day, and that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for such sum as may be necessary to repair any damage which may have occurred to said Church edifice.

The account of Brother George Sanderson, for printing done for the Grand Lodge, amounting to $14.37½, was presented, allowed, and ordered to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

The committee on Accounts, to whom their former report was referred, reported the same back to the Lodge, after striking out their report of the receipt of the Grand Lodge dues at the present session, together with the Pay Roll for the present communication; which report was received, taken up, agreed to, as the same was formerly reported.

On motion of Brother *Reed*,

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges be and they are hereby required to pay to the Grand Lodge, at its next grand communication, the sum of fifty cents for each member, and one dollar for each initiation.

On motion of Brother *Smith*,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Fraternity be tendered to the Lancaster Harmonic Society, for the very acceptable assistance rendered in the public exercises of this day.

2. That the cordial thanks of the members of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the citizens of Lancaster, for the hospitality and kind attentions which we have received at their hands during our sojourn among them, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to procure the publication of this resolution in the several newpapers published in this place.

No further business appearing, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet in Lancaster, on the first Tuesday preceding the 24th day of June, 1838.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

JAMES D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

THE Grand Secretary respectfully states to the brethren, that after the close of the Masonic proceedings on the 24th of June, 1837, he received, through the post-office, the returns, together with the dues of West Union Lodge No. 43.

J. D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Lancaster, June 19, A. D. 1838—A. L. 5838.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother GEORGE SANDERSON, Lancaster.]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Lancaster, on the 19th day of June, A. L. 5838, A. D. 1838, in conformity to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the regular communication in June, A. D. 1837.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Deputy Grand Master.
" " ISAAC C. COPELEN, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
" " REEDER W. CLARKE, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE MYERS, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.
" " GABRIEL CARPENTER, Grand Marshal.
" " ARTHUR C. DAVIS, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " RANDOLPH M. SINKS, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " ISAAC C. HUNTER, Grand Chaplain.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Grand Tyler.
" " JOHN BARNEY, Grand Lecturer.

A Lodge of Master Masons was then opened in ample form; and the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney, Stewart and Steinman.
On Credentials—Brothers Myers, Sage and Davis.

The committee on Credentials made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee appointed to examine Credentials, respectfully report, that they find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Isaac C. Copelen.
4.	New England	John Barney.
5.	Amity	James King, R. Stewart.
8.	Harmony	E. L. Morgan.
13.	St Johns'	J. Patterson.
14.	Franklin	George Keifer.
17.	Washington	Thomas Kenard.
23.	Pickaway	W. B. Thrall, H. Sage, George Botkin.
29.	Clermont Social	R. W. Clarke.
38.	Highland	J. M Barrere.
45	Steubenville	M. Z. Krider.
46.	Miami	I. C Copelen, C. R. Smith.
48.	Aurora	A. C. Davis.

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
57.	Lancaster	Geo. Myers, G. Carpenter, M. Z. Kreider.
61.	Bethel	R. M. Sinks.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Timothy Clock.
65.	New Lisbon	Thomas Kent.
76.	Somerset	J. Davis.
79.	Lafayette	Cornelius Moore.
81.	Lafayette	I. C. Copelen.
82.	Bolivar	John M. Gray.
90.	Jefferson	R. N. McAdams.
102.	Neville	James Kain.
103.	Friendship	Thomas Launder.
104.	Batavia	R. W. Clarke.

Making in all twenty-three Lodges, and two working under Dispensations. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

GEORGE MYERS,
H. SAGE,
ISAAC W. DAVIS.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following standing committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Kreider, Carpenter and Barrere.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Thrall, I. C. Copelen and R. W. Clarke.
On Grievances—Brothers J. Patterson, Thomas Kenard and James King.
On Charity—Brothers Kain, Moore and McAdams.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers E. L. Morgan, T. Clock and R. M. Sinks.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Thrall, Gray and Sage.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Myers, Caldwell and A. C. Davis.
On Pay Roll—Brothers G. Carpenter, Stewart and Kent.

Brother *Clarke* presented the jewels of Montgomery Lodge No. 94, as forfeited to the Grand Lodge, and moved that the same be deposited with the Grand Secretary; which motion was agreed to, and the jewels deposited accordingly.

Brother *Gray* presented a copy of the By-Laws of Bolivar Lodge No. 82, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Allen Wright* presented a proxy from the W. M. of Lebanon Lodge No. 26, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *R. W. Clarke* presented the dispensation, together with a copy of the proceedings and By-Laws of Batavia Lodge, and the same were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the minutes of the last annual grand communication, be dispensed with.

The proceedings of a special communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held at the city of Cincinnati, on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1837,

agreeably to the order of the M. W. William J. Reese, Grand Master, was read and ordered to be recorded; which proceedings are in the words and figures following, to wit:

The GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at the Masonic Hall, in the city of Cincinnati, on the twenty-eighth day of October, A. D. 1837, agreeably to the order of the M. W. William J. Reese, Grand Master.

Grand Officers present:

R.W. ELAM P. LANGDON, Grand Master pro tem.
" SAMUEL REED, Dep. Grand Master "
" GRIFFIN YEATMAN, Grand Sen. Warden "
" OTHNIEL LOOKER, Grand Jun. Warden "
" GEORGE JUPENLATS, Grand Treasurer "
" JOSEPH JONAS, Grand Secretary "
" ISAAC C. COPELEN, Grand Marshal "

R.W. JEDEDIAH BANKS Grand Sen. Deacon pro tem.
" EDEN MARSH, Grand Jun. Deacon "
" WILLIAM BURKE, Grand Chaplain "
" JOHN MYERS, } Grand Stewards "
" WILLIAM SMITH, }
" JOHN HEWSON, Grand Tyler "

The Grand Lodge of Ohio was then opened in due and ancient form.

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master informed the brethren that the object of assembling the Grand Lodge, was to dedicate the Monument lately erected to the memory of our illustrious brother, WILLIAM MCMILLAN, deceased, by Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, over his grave, in compliance with the request of said Lodge.

Thereupon, a procession was formed by Brother Isaac C. Copelen, Grand Marshal, in conjunction with the officers and brethren of Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, and the other Masonic Lodges of Cincinnati, and moved to the Monument; and the same was dedicated to the memory of our departed brother, WILLIAM MCMILLAN, according to the ancient usages of the Order.

Having performed which duty, the procession returned to the Lodge room; when, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace by Brother William Burke, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was duly closed.

ELAM P. LANGDON, Grand Master pro tem.

Attest: *Joseph Jonas*, Grand Secretary pro tem.

Brother *Launder* presented the dispensation, together with a copy of the proceedings and By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, working under dispensation; and, on motion, the same were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The *M. W. Grand Master* was pleased to make a report of his proceedings since the last annual grand communication, which was placed in the hands of the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The *Grand Secretary* made a report of the money received by him, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, since the last annual grand communication; which report, with the accompanying vouchers, were referred to the committee on Accounts.

The *Grand Secretary* made the following report:

That since the meeting of the Grand Lodge in June, 1837, he received, through the post-office, the returns, together with the dues of West Union Lodge No. 43, amounting to	$ 5 00
Also, on the 18th of June, 1838, received the check of Brother Goodale, former Treasurer, for the sum of	181 50
Making in all the sum of	$186 50

Which sum has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The *M. W. Grand Master* informed the Lodge that he had received copies of the Eulogy on Brother William McMillan, deceased, pronounced

at the request of N. C. Harmony Lodge No. 2, on the 18th day of October, 1837, for distribution among the different Lodges of the State. And, thereupon, the said copies were distributed to the representatives of the different Lodges in attendance.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 20, 1838.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the different papers and matters hereinafter enumerated, have had the same severally under their consideration, and respectfully report:

1st. The revised By-Laws of Bolivar Lodge No. 82, at Eaton, they find to be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and with the ancient land-marks of the Craft. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approve the By-Laws of Bolivar Lodge No. 82, as amended.

2d. The dispensation and accompanying papers of Batavia Lodge No. —, together with a transcript of the records and By-Laws of said Lodge; all of which they find to be in proper form. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter issue to Batavia Lodge No. —.

3d. A paper, purporting to be a proxy, executed by Brother *Samuel Glenny*, of Lebanon Lodge No. 26, whereby he constitutes Brother Allen Wright his proxy, to represent him in the Grand Lodge at its present grand communication. In reference to this paper the facts are as follows:—Said Lodge has paid no dues to the Grand Lodge since the year 1830, although your committee are informed that it made report to the Grand Lodge for the two subsequent years, unaccompanied, however, with the payment of dues. Your committee have no evidence of said Lodge having transacted any business during the last six years; but, on the contrary, are assured by Brother Wright, that its operations have been entirely suspended during that period of time. In view of these facts, your committee are clear in the opinion, that Brother Glenny's right to a seat in the Grand Lodge, in virtue of his office of Master of Lebanon Lodge, ceased to exist some years since, and consequently, that he cannot now delegate such right to another. But as a number of brethren of Lebanon have manifested a laudable desire to resume their Masonic labors, and as policy and duty conspire to suggest a course of lenity on the part of the Grand Lodge towards its delinquent subordinates, under the circumstances of trying embarrassment in which they have been placed during the last five years, your committee are induced to propose, for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the following resolution:

Resolved, That Lebanon Lodge No. 26, be authorized to resume labor under its charter; that Brother Wright be admitted to a seat in the present Grand Lodge, as its representative; and that its dues be remitted up to the present date, except so much as may be necessary to defray the expenses of its representation at this grand communication.

4th. The charter of Newark Lodge No. 97, together with the application of a number of brethren residing at that place, and accompanying papers, by which we find that this Lodge has suspended its labors since January, 1830, and that but three of its members reside at that place. They, together with other brethren who have since removed to that place, now petition the Grand Lodge for authority to resume their labors under the old charter, and for the remission of dues to the Grand Lodge up to this date. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Newark Lodge No. 97, be authorized to resume labor under its charter, and that Brother Brunner be admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge, as the representative of said Newark Lodge No 97; and that the dues of said Lodge to the present date be remitted, except so far as the amount necessary to defray the expense of its representation at this grand communication.

5th. A communication from Brother John N. Sloane, of Sandusky City, disclosing the fact that Science Lodge No. 50, at that place, has suspended its labors for several years past; during which time its charter and other papers have been lost or destroyed, by reason of the death of the brother having them in charge; and that so many of the former members of the Lodge as remain there, and other Masons who have since removed to the place, are desirous of resuming the operations of the Lodge. In order to enable them to do which, they pray that a new charter may issue. In reference to this matter, the committee propose the following resolution:

Resolved, That a new charter issue to the brethren of Science Lodge No. 50, upon their paying the expenses thereof.

6th. A communication from Brother Absalom Death, of Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, of Franklin, Warren county, setting forth that said Lodge has performed no Masonic work, nor made any return to the Grand Lodge since January, 1829; but that a goodly number of brethren now residing there are anxious to place themselves under the protection of the Grand Lodge, and to resume work. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, be authorized to resume labor under its charter.

7th. The charter and Jewels of Minerva Lodge No. 98, Miamisburg, Montgomery county, which have been sent up to be surrendered to the Grand Lodge. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge resume the charter heretofore granted to Minerva Lodge No. 98, and that said charter, together with the jewels of said Lodge, be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

8th. The application of sundry brethren in the town of Venice, Butler county, praying for a dispensation for a new Lodge. The M. W. Grand Master having already reported to the Grand Lodge, that the papers in relation to this application were not sufficiently explicit under the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, your committee conceive that no action in the premises can properly be taken at this time by the Grand Lodge, and therefore they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the papers accompanying the application for a new Lodge at Venice, be laid upon the table.

9th. The report of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to dispensations granted by him for two new Lodges, one at Dresden, Muskingum county, to be called Friendship Lodge No. , and the other at Batavia, Clermont county, to be called Batavia Lodge No. ; and having disposed of the several matters contained in said report, recommend that the report be restored to the files of the Grand Lodge.

10th. The dispensation, By-Laws and records of Friendship Lodge No. , at Dresden, Muskingum county, your committee find to be regular and in proper form. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter issue to Friendship Lodge No. , at Dresden, Muskingum county.

10th. The application of Brother John D. White and his associates, for a dispensation for a new Lodge at Georgetown, in Brown county. Your committee find the petitioners properly recommended, and the fee advanced. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dispensation be granted to Georgetown Lodge No. , in Brown county.

Your committee cannot close this branch of the duties assigned them, without adverting to one or two topics not specifically referred to them, but which seem naturally and forcibly to suggest themselves to the mind on a consideration of the subjects so referred. The first of these topics is the manifest *growing attention* to the subject and interests of our truly ancient and honorable Order, in the various parts of the State. This your committee conceive to be a subject of just gratulation. But in order to secure the full benefits properly anticipated from this state of facts, it may not be improper for the Grand Lodge to admonish its several subordinates of the imperious necessity of maintaining *a high standard of moral, social, Masonic excellence.* This can only be accomplished by setting a constant and vigilant guard at the door of the several Lodges, against the admission of unworthy or doubtful characters.

The other topic on which the committee feel called upon to advert, is the necessity of a *more general attendance* on the regular communications of the Grand Lodge, by the officers of the subordinate Lodges, or their regularly constituted proxies. The delinquency in this respect is an evil of no small magnitude, and one which should not escape the marked animadversion of the Grand Lodge. It is not only the *privilege* but the *duty* of every Lodge to be so represented. The healthful operations of the Grand Lodge require it; and the interests of Masonry in the State imperiously demand it.

These considerations ought not, *cannot* properly be overlooked. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That each and every Lodge which shall, at the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge, be found to have been unrepresented for the three years last preceding, shall be stricken from the list of Lodges; their charters be deemed absolutely forfeited, and they be subject to such further measures as the Grand Lodge then may deem proper to adopt.

2. That it be earnestly recommended to each and every subordinate Lodge, and especially to those which have recently been authorized to resume work, to be duly represented by their officers or their proxies, at the next grand communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Thrall,
Isaac. C. Copelen,
R. W. Clarke.

Which report was accepted, and the several resolutions adopted.

Brother *Clarke*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report in relation to the proceedings of Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Visitant, to wit:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the communication and accompanying papers of Brother *Samuel Reed*, Grand Visitant, from the communication referred to find the following to contain a minute detail of the result of his labors:

To the M W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

Agreeably to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, passed at the last regular communication, the following report is respectfully submitted:

I received the document from the Grand Secretary at so late a date, that it was not in my power to attend to the duties assigned me to the extent which I desired.

Shortly after receiving the necessary documents I proceeded to Franklin, in Warren county, where I found Eastern Star Lodge No. 55 entirely prostrate, there being no record of any proceedings since 1831, and but two members to be found; when, after consulting with other Masons, not members, who appeared anxious that the Lodge might be reinstated, and permitted to resume her labors, having authority from the Grand Lodge I proceeded to open a M. Mason's Lodge, and reörganized the said Lodge, when three or four petitions for membership were received, and at a subsequent meeting of said Lodge the several applicants were received; whereupon an election was held for officers, to serve until the time specified in the By-Laws. From Franklin I proceeded to Miamisburg, where I found Minerva Lodge No. 98, and ascertained that there was but one member to be found, (to wit, Brother Blossom.) It was deemed inexpedient to revive the said Lodge under the existing circumstances; whereupon I took possession of the charter and jewels, which are herewith transmitted. From Miamisburg I proceeded to Fairfield, where I found Golden Rule Lodge No. 31 in a similar forlorn condition. A meeting was called; a M. M. Lodge was opened, the Lodge organized, and officers duly elected, when I left them under the cheering prospect of continuing their Masonic labors with zeal. I then visited Morning Star Lodge No. 80, in Springfield, where I received the several documents herewith presented. I next visited Urbana, where I met with many brethren who were desirous to resume their Masonic labors. They immediately organized, when I left them under the most flattering prospects. At Xenia I received from Brother William Ellsberry the certificate marked B. At Lebanon I received the certificate marked C, of our worthy Brother Allen Wright; from which place I returned home, after an absence of seventeen days, having expended $27. In conclusion, I have found it one of the most pleasing duties I was ever called on to perform.

I most sincerely regret that my domestic concerns will prevent me from attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge this session.

Be pleased, brethren, to accept the fraternal regard of your sincere friend and brother,

Samuel Reed, *Grand Visitant.*

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of Brother *Reed*, Grand Visitant, so far as his labors have been extended, is entirely satisfactory, and meets the cordial approbation of the Grand Lodge; and that we deeply regret that circumstances occurred by which he was prevented from extending his labors in the duties of his office.

2. That the sum of $27 be allowed him for expenses incurred, in the discharge of the duties assigned him as Grand Visitant, and that the further sum of $3 per day be allowed him for the seventeen days spent by him in attending to the same.

R. W. Clarke,
I. C. Copelen,
W. B. Thrall.

Which report was accepted, and the resolutions agreed to.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Accounts report:

	George Myers, Grand Treasurer, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio—	
1837, June 23d,	To amount received from Brother L. Goodale, late Treasurer....	$267 68
" " "	Cash of James D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.....	10 87½
" " 24th,	Do. of J. C. Broderick, former Secretary.....	527 72
" " "	" " " "	3 50
" " "	Do. of J. D. Caldwell, (dues of West Union Lodge,).....	5 00
1838, June 18th,	L. Goodale's check, (for Bank dividends,).....	181 50
" " 19th,	Of M. W. G. M. W. J. Reese, (for Dispensation to Batavia Lodge,)	40 00
	Making the sum of.....	$836 27½

		Contra, Cr.	
No. 1.	By amount paid for dues remitted as per voucher.....	$11 06	
No. 2.	By J. C. Broderick, late Secretary.....	141 75	
No. 3.	To W. B. Thrall.....	30 00	
No. 4.	On Pay Roll last communication.....	482 24	
No. 5.	To G. W. Claspill, Grand Tyler.....	12 00	
No. 6.	To E. Smith.....	20 00	$697 05
	Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of.....		139 22½

There are also notes in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to the amount of $469, which are drawn by persons supposed to be insolvent. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

M. Z. Kreider,
G. Carpenter,
J. M. Barrere.

Brother *Morgan*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its last communication, and find no unfinished business requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted.

Brother *Copelen* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the expediency of taking measures at the present grand communication for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge.

Which resolution was adopted, and Brothers I. C. Copelen, W. B. Thrall and M. Z. Kreider appointed said committee.

The M. W. *Grand Master* informed the Grand Lodge that he found it unnecessary to make a loan of money on behalf of the Grand Lodge, as he was authorized to do by a resolution passed at the last annual communication, as recommended by the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

Two communications from Montgomery Lodge were presented, and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Thrall* presented the account of Brother George Sanderson, which was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Patterson*, from the committee on Grievances, made report, that nothing had been presented for their consideration; which report was accepted.

Brother *Myers* presented the following proceedings and resolutions of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, to wit:

At a meeting of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, held at their Hall on Wednesday evening, June 6th, A. D. 1838, A. L. 5838, M. W. Brother William J. Reese offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously agreed to, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That in case the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio will permanently locate and build a suitable Hall in the town of Lancaster, then and in that case this Lodge will aid and assist in the erection of said building, and subscribe thereto the sum of *five thousand dollars*.

2. That the delegates of this Lodge communicate the above resolution to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at the next meeting thereof.

I, John B. Reed, Secretary of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the resolutions as adopted and recorded in the minutes of Lancaster Lodge.

JOHN B. REED, *Secretary.*

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of taking measures for the permanent location of the Grand Lodge at the present communication, made the following report:

The undersigned, to whom was referred a resolution inquiring into the expediency of making a permanent location of the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, having fully considered the same, report, that the interests of the Fraternity in the State unquestionably demand that a permanent location of the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge should be made at this time. Various considerations have induced your committee to recommend this measure; among which we may mention that there is at this time an unusually lively interest felt by the Fraternity in the advancement of Freemasonry, and a desire to take such steps as shall permanently secure the benefits flowing therefrom.

Your committee are induced to believe that a permanent location of the Grand Lodge and the erection of a suitable edifice would give character and respectability to the great Masonic family in general, and to us in this State in particular. The western country is not only becoming distinguished for its rapid improvement in agriculture, commerce and manufactures, but also for the advance of science, of which Freemasonry is the progenitor. The march of empire is westward: then why not secure to Masonry here that distinguished position which it is the desire of all good Masons it should occupy?

Your committee having fully considered this important question, do venture to suggest, not only the propriety of permanently locating the place of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, but also to recommend to the consideration of the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient for the Grand Lodge to locate permanently its place of meeting.

2. That a suitable Masonic edifice, for the use of the Grand Lodge, ought to be erected to comport with the character and dignity of the institution.

3. That the town of ——— be selected as the place for the permanent communications of the Grand Lodge, and for the erection of the edifice aforesaid.

4. That a committee of ——— be appointed by ballot, with full power and authority to take such suitable steps as shall be necessary to the procuring of a proper site and the erection of said edifice.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

ISAAC C. COPELEN,
W. B. THRALL,
M. Z. KREIDER.

Which report was received and the resolutions agreed to.

Brother *Thrall* moved that the blanks in the resolutions be filled by ballot; when, on motion of Brother *King*, the further consideration of the subject was laid on the table until four o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Brother *Clarke*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother C. R. Smith be appointed a committee to inquire into the condition of Oxford Lodge No. 67, and make report of the situation of the same to the Grand Lodge at its next grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Morgan*,

Resolved, That the dues of Harmony Lodge No. 8, prior to the last year, be remitted, provided the expenses of the representation to this Grand Lodge be paid by said Harmony Lodge.

Brother *Myers*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following additional report:

That Scioto Lodge No. 6, was duly represented by Brother James D. Caldwell, and that the returns of West Union Lodge, together with the dues, have been transmitted to the Grand Lodge, but no representative has attended from said Lodge.

Which report was accepted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year; when the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices annexed to their names, to wit:

M. W. William J. Reese, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. William B. Thrall, Circleville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Isaac C. Copelen, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
" " John M. Gray, Eaton, Grand Junior Warden.
" " George Myers, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " James D. Caldwell, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.
" " Gabriel Carpenter, Lancaster, Grand Marshal.
" " Isaac C. Hunter, Circleville, Grand Chaplain.
" " Cornelius Moore, Zanesville, Grand Orator.
" " Arthur C. Davis, Portsmouth, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Randolph M. Sinks, Bethel, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " George W. Claspill, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.
" " John Barney, Worthington, Grand Lecturer.

Brother *Davis* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother C. Moore, representative of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, have leave of absence, and that he be permitted to give his proxy to some other brother to represent said Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the town of Lancaster, on the third Tuesday of October, in the year 1839.

Brother *G. Wynkoop* filed the proxy of Brother C. Moore, as representative of Lafayette Lodge No. 79.

The consideration of the resolutions in relation to the permanent location of the Grand Lodge was resumed, when, on motion of Brother *King*, the same were again laid on the table.

The committee on Accounts made the following additional report:

That they had examined the account of Brother Grand Secretary, for books, stationery, etc., of $14.75; of Myers & Fall, for sundries furnished the Grand Lodge, $3.75; of Brother George Sanderson, for printing, $59.13; and find the same to be correct.

Whereupon the report was received and the several accounts allowed accordingly.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the committee on Foreign Communications had leave to sit during the time the Grand Lodge was in session.

On motion of Brother *Davis*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK, June 21, 1838.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following additional report, to wit:

The committee on Accounts, in the further discharge of their duties, make the following supplemental report, to wit:

Amount of stock in the Franklin Bank of Columbus, amounting to ten shares	$1,000 00
do Chillicothe Bank, six shares	600 00
do Clinton Bank of Columbus, four shares	400 00
Total	$2,000 00
To which add balance found in present Treasurer's hands	139 23
Whole amount of the available fund of the Grand Lodge	$2,139 23

Exclusive of any moneys received during the present communication of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee respectfully suggest the propriety of causing a transfer of the stock held by the Grand Lodge, on the books of the aforesaid Banks in the name of Brother George Myers, the present Grand Treasurer, as Trustee for the use and benefit of the Grand Lodge, in order to facilitate the control and application of the fund to such purposes as the Grand Lodge may direct; and to this end offer for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the stock held by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the Franklin Bank of Columbus, Clinton Bank of Columbus, and Bank of Chillicothe, be and the same is hereby authorized to be transferred on the books of the aforesaid Banks to Brother George Myers, present Grand Treasurer, as Trustee for the use of the Grand Lodge, until the further order of the Grand Lodge in the premises.

2. That the cashier or other officers of said Banks be authorized to pay all dividends or other moneys due on the stock aforesaid, to Brother George Myers.

3. That the Grand Secretary certify, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, the foregoing resolutions, and deliver the same to Brother George Myers, which shall be taken and deemed as sufficient authority to demand the moneys contemplated to be paid under and by virtue of the foregoing resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Z. KREIDER,
G. CARPENTER,
J. M. BARRERE.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

The committee on Credentials made the following additional report, which was accepted, to wit:

That Belmont Lodge No. 16, is now duly represented by Brother E. Morris.

The committee on Foreign Communications made the following report:

The committee on Foreign Communications respectfully report: That since the last grand communication, minutes of the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received, to wit: Of Ireland, of the States of Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, and of the Territory of Florida. Your committee

recommend that these minutes be carefully filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to reciprocate the civilities of the Grand Lodges aforesaid, by forwarding to each a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee have also examined the proceedings of a body styling themselves the *St. Johns' Grand Lodge of the State of New York.* From this last document, as well as from the minutes of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, it appears that an attempt is being made to assert and exercise a concurrent and independent Masonic jurisdiction over the same territory by separate and distinct bodies. This course, if persisted in, on the one hand, or tolerated on the other, must lead to results as monstrous in practice as it is clearly antagonist to every principle of Masonry. Harmony, so essential to the well being of the Craft, cannot subsist between two bodies thus constituted, nor between their members. Into the causes which have led to this deplorable state of things, we conceive it to be unnecessary for us to inquire, inasmuch as it would be incompetent to this Grand Lodge to exercise any power to correct the error, wherever it might be found. Suffice it for us to deprecate the existence of such a state of things; our duty in the premises is to search for the ancient land-marks, and when found, to direct to "*the old paths.*"

From the best lights your committee have been able to bring to the consideration of the subject, they are clear in the opinion that decisions duly made by the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, are, within that State, the Supreme Masonic Law, from which no appeal can be entertained, unless there shall be constituted a *General Grand Lodge* of the United States; a measure which your committee suggest for consideration, rather than recommend. While affairs maintain their present posture, however, we conceive, that this Grand Lodge, neither in justice to its own character, in justice to its senior, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, nor in justice to the sacred and immutable principles of Masonry, can recognize the legitimate existence within the borders of the State of New York, of any Masonic jurisdiction, aside from and independent of that of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we regard the attempted establishment of "St. Johns' Grand Lodge of the State of New York," as schismatic and illegal, and its tendency subversive of the vital principles of Freemasonry; and that therefore the measure meets our unqualified reprehension.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Thrall,
John M. Gray,
H. Sage.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

Brother *Copelen* presented the jewels of Minerva Lodge No. 98, and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the jewels of Minerva Lodge No. 98, situate at Miamisburg, be deposited with the Grand Secretary until otherwise disposed of.

Which resolution was agreed to and the jewels deposited accordingly.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, it was

Resolved, That the representative of Batavia Lodge No. —, have leave to take the jewels, late the property of Minerva Lodge, and to return the same, or the sum of thirty dollars in lieu thereof, at the next grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Clarke*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 64, have leave to hold its meetings in the town of Monroeville, Huron county, should its members desire to do so at a regular communication—one month notice being given of such intention.

On motion of Brother *Myers*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed the sum of ninety dollars for his services the past year.

Brother *A. C. Davis* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the subject of fixing permanently the place for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, &c., be postponed until the next regular communication; and that a committee of seven be appointed to receive donations in money or property, from individuals or corporations, to aid the Grand Lodge of Ohio in erecting a suitable building, at such place as may be selected by the Grand Lodge at its next meeting, and that said committee make report of all such donations at the next communication.

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded that the yeas and nays be taken on the adoption of the said resolution by Lodges, which motion was sustained and the vote taken by a call of Lodges, when the resolution was lost, 22 in the affirmative and 48 in the negative.

The report of the committee on the permanent location of the Grand Lodge was then taken up; when it was moved and seconded to fill the blank in the third resolution appended to the report, by a call of Lodges, whereupon the same was ordered.

On counting the votes there were 65 for filling the blank with the word Lancaster, and 5 for filling it with the word Columbus; whereupon, the blank was filled with "Lancaster."

The report was then adopted, the blank in the fourth resolution filled with the number five, and the following amendment added to the last resolution, to wit: *Provided*, the same be done without drawing upon the present resources of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to elect by ballot the said committee of five, when Brothers Reese, Thrall, Stewart, Stokely and Copelen, were duly elected said committee.

The question was then put on the adoption of the resolutions severally, and the same were unanimously adopted.

Brother *Kain*, from the committee on Charity, reported the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be appropriated and paid to Brother R. N. M'Adams for the use of the widow of Brother Ray, deceased.

Which resolution was adopted.

On motion of Brother *Sage*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will now proceed to install its officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of its officers for the ensuing year, who, after being installed, severally took their appropriate stations.

Brother *Myers*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report:

That nothing relating to the duties assigned your committee requires the attention of the Grand Lodge at the present communication.

Which report was accepted.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the following resolution was adopted

Resolved, That any vacancies which may occur in the committee to superintend the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall, by death, non-acceptance or otherwise, shall be filled by the M. W. Grand Master.

On motion of Brother *Launder*,

Resolved, That the Grand Tyler be allowed twelve dollars for his services at the present communication.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on Accounts, reported that the sum of three dollars was due to Henry Orman for making columns for the Grand Lodge, in June 1837; which was orderd to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized, to draw an order on the Treasurer, in favor of Brother Hunter, Grand Chaplain, for the sum of fifteen dollars, to defray his expenses in attending this grand communication.

On motion of Brother *T. Clark*, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its present session, be forwarded to each delegate in attendance, and also one copy to every subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of three dollars received from West Union Lodge No. 43, be received and credited in full of their dues to this time.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That the sum of fourteen dollars, paid by the representative of Steubenville Lodge No. 45, be entered to the credit of said Lodge, and that it stand charged with the sum of seven dollars, the balance of grand dues for the present year.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments, to wit:

Brother WILLIAM M'CAMMON, Cincinnati, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers JAMES KAIN, Neville, THOMAS KINNARD, West Chester, Grand Pursuivants.

Brother *G. Carpenter*, from the committee on the Pay Roll, made a report, which was received, showing the amount of the Pay Roll to be $436.86.

No further business appearing, after an address to the Throne of Grace, by Brother *Hunter*, Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Lancaster on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1839, (15th of October, 1839,) and closed in harmony.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest,

JAMES D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE FROM THE DATE OF ITS ORGANIZATION, IN 1808, TO THE YEAR 1838.

A. D.	Grand Master.	Dep. G. Master.	G. Sen. Warden	G. Jun. Warden.	Gr. Treasurer.	Gr. Secretary.	Gr. Sr. Deacon.	Gr. Jr. Deacon.	Grand Chaplain.	Grand Tyler.
1808.	Rufus Putnam.	T. Henderson ..	George Tod	Isaac Van Horne	Henry Massie ..	David Putnam..	Phil'n Beecher.	Levin Belt.....	.....	Peter Spurck.
1809.	S. Huntington..	Lewis Cass.....	Wm. Skinner ..	Wm. Rayen....	Henry Massie ..	Henry Brush...	Phil'n Beecher.	Tho. Kirker....	.....	Peter Spurck.
1810.	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	George Tod	Jas. Kilbourn ..	P. Beecher.....	Henry Brush...	Geo. F. Tennery	Daniel Convers.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1811.	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	George Tod	Jas. Kilbourn ..	P. Beecher.....	Henry Brush...	J. Woodbridge .	Daniel Convers.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1812.	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	Henry Brush...	E. W. Tupper ..	P. Beecher.....	A.L Langham..	J. Woodbridge .	R. Kercheval ..	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1813.	Henry Brush...	Jas. Kilbourn..	E. W. Tupper .	Levin Belt.....	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Rial McArthur.	Edw. Matthews.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1814.	Henry Brush...	Jas. Kilbourn..	E. W. Tupper ..	Levin Belt.....	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Rial McArthur.	Solomon Smith.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1815.	Henry Brush...	T. Kirtland	E W. Tupper ..	C. Griswold	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Rial McArthur.	Solomon Smith.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1816.	Henry Brush...	John S. Gano ..	Ches. Griswold.	E. Matthews...	David Kinkead.	R Kercheval...	John Kerr	Solomon Smith.	Jacob Lindley..	John Hellings.
1817.	Henry Brush...	P. Beecher.....	Ches. Griswold.	W. H. Hopkins .	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Aaron Casad...	James Gates...	Jos. S. Hughes .	John Hellings.
1818.	C. Griswold....	Phineas Ross ..	John Snow.....	A. I. McDowell.	Lincoln Goodale	B. Gardiner....	Aaron Casad...	Arory Buttles..	Phil'r Chase...	James Hooker.
1819.	John Snow.....	Phineas Ross ..	A. I. McDowell .	Joseph Vance ..	L. Goodale.....	B. Gardiner....	Arory Buttles..	R. R. Chapman.	Thos. G. Jones.	Horace Wolcott.
1820.	John Snow.....	E. Whittlesey..	B. Gardiner....	Anax. Warner..	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	J. D. Dietrick ..	Thor. L. White.	Phil'r Chase...	William Long.
'21–2	John Snow.....	E. Whittlesey..	John Cotton ...	T. B. Van Horn.	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	Timothy Baker.	Solomon Smith.	Jos. S. Hughes .	William Long.
1823.	John Snow.....	Thos. Corwin...	Sam'l R. Miller.	Sam'l Wheeler.	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	James Gates...	John T. Jones..	Roger Searle...	William Long.
1824.	C. R. Sherman .	Henry Bacon...	Sam'l R. Miller.	Sam'l Wheeler.	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	John T. Jones..	Thomas Orr....	Jas. McAboy...	William Long.
1825.	Wm. W. Irvin..	S. R. Miller	Sam'l Wheeler .	G. R. Fitzgerald	L. Goodale.....	Henry Brown ..	Stephen Fales..	Wm. B. Thrall .	Ezra B. Kellogg.	Solomon Sisco.
1826.	Sam'l Wheeler.	Richard Collins.	Stephen Fales ..	Wm. Greene ...	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	Moses Levi.....	Samuel Denny.	Jas. McAboy...	William John.
1827.	J. M. Goodenow	Thos. Corwin...	Wm. R. Foster .	Roswell Stone..	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	David Spangler.	Wm. Coolman..	Geo. C. Sedwick	William John.
1828.	Thos. Corwin ..	Joshua Downer.	G. R. Fitzgerald	Chas. K. Smith.	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	Joseph Grubb..	Henry B. Curtis	Rob't Punshon.	William John.
1829.	John Snow.....	Timothy Baker.	John H. James.	Hosmer Curtis .	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	David S. Davis..	Wm. B. Thrall..	Pleas. Thurman	William John.
1830.	Wm. Fielding..	D. Spangler....	John H. James.	J. R. Giddings..	L. Goodale.....	J. L. Starling...	Wm. J. Reese ..	Geo. Humphrey	Wm. H. Raper.	William John.
1831.	J. Satterthwaite	Wm. Gwynn ...	Allison Owen ..	George James..	L. Goodale.....	J. L. Starling...	Wm. J. Reese ..	W. G. Emmitt..	J. C. Bennett...	William John.
1832.	Chas. Anthony.	Geo. James	Timothy Baker.	P. H Olmsted..	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	Nicholas Sinks.	Geo. Keifer	A. W. Elliott...	William John.
1833.	Timothy Baker.	Wm. J. Reese..	Adam Peters...	George Keifer..	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	J. Quinlan.....	Harvy D. Little.	G. A. Patterson.	William John.
1834.	Wm. J. Reese ..	P. H. Olmsted..	Henry Sage....	Wm. B. Thrall .	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	Geo. R. Morton.	Gab. Carpenter.	John Brown ...	Anson Smith.
1835.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Adam Peters...	Absolem Death.	L. Goodale.....	J. C Broderick .	J. B. Crist.....	A. T Holcomb .	G. C. Gephart ..	John Zeigler.
1836.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Samuel Reed...	Geo. R. Morton.	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	H. Matthews...	J. A. McConnell.	G. C. Gephart ..	John Zeigler.
1837.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Samuel Reed...	J. C. Broderick.	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Isaac C. Hunter.	J. A. Reed	Ran. M. Sinks..	Geo.W. Claspill.
1838.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Isaac C. Copelen	John M. Gray ..	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Isaac C. Hunter.	Ar. C. Davis ...	Ran. M. Sinks..	Geo.W. Claspill.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Lancaster, October 15, A. D. 1839—A. L. 5839.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brothers THRALL & CASE, Circleville.]

The M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO, assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Lancaster, on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1839, A. L. 5839, in conformity to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the regular communication in June, A. D. 1838.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Deputy Grand Master.
" " ISAAC C. COPELEN, Grand Senior Warden.
" " ARTHUR C. DAVIS, Grand Junior Warden *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE MYERS, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.
" " REV. JOSEPH A. ROOF, Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*
" " JOHN SAYRE, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " ISAAC W. DAVIS, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE W. GLASPILL, Grand Tyler.
" " JOHN BARNEY, Grand LECTURER.

A Lodge of Master Masons was then opened in ample and ancient form.

Prayer by Brother J. A. Roof, Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*

Whereupon, the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney, Creal and G. Carpenter.
On Credentials—Brothers Kreider, A. C. Davis and Shinnick.

The committee on Credentials made the following report, which was accepted, to wit:

The committee appointed to Examine Credentials, respectfully report, that they find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Isaac C. Copelen.
4.	New England	John Barney.
5.	Amity	G. L. Shinnick, R. Stewart.
6.	Scioto	J. D. Caldwell.
8.	Harmony	Joseph Smith, J. C. Phillips.
9.	Mt. Zion	Adam Randolph, W. Bevans.
13.	St. Johns	John Sayer.
17.	Washington	C. K. Smith, B. F. Raleigh.
19.	Jerusalem	Lebbeus Beach.
23.	Pickaway	W. B. Thrall.
29.	Clermont Social	J. Johnson.

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
38.	Highland	John W. Woollas, J. M. Barrere.
44.	Columbia	Michael Holmes.
45.	Steubenville	M. M. Laughlin.
46.	Miami	C. F. Hanselmann.
48.	Aurora	A. C. Davis.
54.	Milford	Joseph Hull Jr.
57.	Lancaster	G. Myers, G. Carpenter, M. Z. Kreider.
60.	Canton	John Sala.
61.	Bethel	John Quinlan.
65.	New Lisbon	William E. Davis.
76.	Somerset	Isaac W Davis.
79.	Lafayette	G. Wynkoop, Joseph Sharp.
81.	Lafayette	C. F. Hanselmann, I. C. Copelen.
82.	Bolivar	Nathaniel Benjamin.
86.	Center	A. D. Frezell.
97.	Newark	H. W. R. Brunner, R. Staden, J. M. Smith.
103.	Friendship	Thomas Launder.
104.	Clinton	George D. Hine.
—.	Georgetown	John D. White.
—.	Tarlton	P. Parcels, H. S. Creal, J. F. Miller.
—.	Union	A. Knowles.
—.	Union	John D. White.

Amounting in the aggregate to 28 chartered Lodges, and four Lodges working under dispensation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. Z. Kreider,
A. C. Davis,
Geo. L. Shinnick.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges was represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared The Grand Lodge of Ohio duly opened for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Bevans*, the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the last regular grand communication, was dispensed with.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge take a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment: present as before.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following standing committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers G. Carpenter, I. W. Davis and Barrere.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Thrall, Bevans and Joseph Smith.
On Grievances—Brothers Copelen, Barney and A. C. Davis.
On Charity—Brothers Hanselmann, Holmes and J. Johnson.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Caldwell, Sayre and J. M. Smith.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers John D. White, Frezell and Benjamin.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Kreider, Laughlin and Hine.
On Pay Roll—Brothers Kreider, Raleigh and Wynkoop.

The *M. W. Grand Master* was pleased to make the following report, to wit:

Lancaster, October 15th, 1839.

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The undersigned, in compliance with the provisions of the By-Laws, respectfully reports:

That since the last communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, letters of dispensation have been issued constituting three new Lodges, to wit: Union Lodge No. —, in Felicity, Clermont county, dated August 8th, 1838; Tarlton Lodge, in Tarlton, Pickaway county, dated September 21, 1838; and Union Lodge No. —, in Ripley, Brown county, dated August 10th, 1839.

On the 15th December, 1838, I received a communication from the Secretary of Charity Lodge No. 53, located in Delaware county, representing, that owing to peculiar and trying embarrassments, said Lodge had for a long time previously suspended its Masonic labors, and requesting authority to meet, and again resume its regular business. Believing, under the circumstances, that the interests of the Order would be sub-

served by such a procedure, permission was given to the brethren again to assemble together as a legal Lodge, elect officers, enact By-Laws, etc.; requiring it to be represented at the present meeting of the Grand Lodge; and to have here a record of its proceedings, and a copy of its By-Laws, for examination and approval.

During the month of May of the present year, I received official notice from the Secretary of Canton Lodge No. 60, advising that the brethren had assembled on the 23d of the previous month, and elected their officers, and that the suspended labors of the Lodge would again be resumed under favorable auspices.

Since the last grand communication I have received applications to authorize Lodges to hold their meetings in places other than those named in their charters. No such power at present exists, except in the Grand Lodge; and of course permission could not be granted.

During the last summer I received a petition for the establishing of a new Lodge in M'Kean township, Licking county. A dispensation was not issued, as some of the requisites of the Grand Lodge had not been complied with on the part of the applicants.

I have also received communications from Lafayette Lodge, at Zanesville, and from the Lodge at Dresden, on the subject of connecting a Manual Labor School with the new Masonic Hall, which are filed with the papers accompanying this report.

I deem it my duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the present condition of its Treasury, and to suggest the propriety of devising some means by which its resources may be permanently increased.

Respectfully, WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to new Lodges, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to increasing the funds of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*, the following preamble and resolution were agreed to, viz:

WHEREAS, A charter was granted to Aurora Lodge No. 48, at Portsmouth, at the regular communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in the year 1820, which was issued on paper: And whereas said paper charter became so mutilated as to render a renewal thereof necessary, which renewal was authorized by the Grand Lodge, at its grand communication in the year 1836: And whereas the new charter so issued is defective in some essential particulars, and inaccurate in others, therefore

Resolved, That a new charter be issued to said Lodge, retaining its present number, supplying said defects, and correcting said errors.

The R. W. *Deputy Grand Master* made the following report:

The Deputy Grand Master respectfully makes report to the Grand Lodge: That during recess of the Grand Lodge, viz, on the 16th day of September last, on personal application of Brother John Sala, in behalf of himself and other brethren of Canton Lodge No. 60, he addressed to the brethren of said Lodge a letter, authorizing them to resume their Masonic labors, which, from untoward circumstances, had been suspended for about eight years. The authority so granted could of course extend no further than to the present communication of the Grand Lodge, and required said Canton Lodge to be duly represented here at this time, which requisition I am gratified to find is punctually complied with.

October 15, 1839. W. B. THRALL, *D. G. Master.*

Which report was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Laughlin*, the subject of the dues of Steubenville Lodge No. 45, was referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Brother *Hine*,

Resolved, That Canton Lodge No. 60, be exonerated from paying any dues prior to June, 1838.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise and amend the Masonic Funeral Service, with a view of its being appended to the published proceedings of the present grand communication.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Thrall, Barney and Caldwell, said committee.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the M. W. Grand Master was added to the committee.

A petition was presented from Neville Lodge No. 102, praying that said Lodge might be removed to the town of Felicity, which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Barney*,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of causing a revised Chart, or Masonic Monitor, to be prepared and printed for the use of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, with instructions to report thereon at the present grand communication.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Barney, Thrall, Copelen, Kreider and Caldwell, said committee.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That the dues of Tarlton Lodge be remitted, and that this resolution be sent to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Myers*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 16, 1839.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *G. Carpenter*, from the committee on Accounts, reported a claim due to Brother George W. Claspill, of $4; and a claim due to the Grand Secretary of $6.92½ for postage, stationery, etc., which were allowed and ordered to be paid.

Brother *Beach* offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Brother Myers, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to wit:

Resolved, That the dues of Jerusalem Lodge No. 19, be remitted up to June, 1838, and that the said Lodge be entitled to representation at the present term, on an equal footing with other Lodges.

The following resolution was offered by Brother *Frazell*, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Grievances.

Resolved, That the dues of Centre Lodge No. 86, prior to June, 1838, be remitted.

Brother *Myers* presented certain notes of hand due the Grand Lodge, which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Brother *J. Smith*, the resolution to remit the dues of Centre Lodge, No. 86, prior to June, 1838, (which had been referred to the committee on Grievances,) was reconsidered.

Brother *Kreider* presented a petition from Friendship Lodge No. 32, and moved that the same be referred to the committee on Grievances; that said committee have power to send for persons and papers; and that said committee be instructed to report to the Grand Lodge, at the present

communication. Which motion was agreed to, and the petition referred accordingly.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, viz:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the granting of a dispensation to *Union Lodge* No. —, in the town of Felicity, Clermont county; and also the memorial of sundry brethren of *Neville Lodge* No. 102, praying permission for said Lodge, "with its charter and all its 'perquisites,' to be removed to Felicity," have had these matters under consideration, and respectfully report:

That during recess of the Grand Lodge, it was made to appear to the satisfaction of the brethren of Neville Lodge, that the interests of Masonry would be advanced by a transfer of said Lodge from the town of Neville to the town of Felicity; and application was made for that purpose to the Grand Master. No power being vested in the Grand Master to authorize a change of the location of a Lodge, they were advised by him to obtain a dispensation for holding a Lodge at Felicity, until the present communication of the Grand Lodge. In conformity with this counsel, the said brethren obtained a dispensation to hold a Lodge in the town of Felicity, under the name of Union Lodge, and paid the fees required by the By-Laws in such cases. It is represented to your committee, by the representative of Union Lodge, that since the granting of said dispensation no business whatever has been transacted by Neville Lodge No. 102; but that the brethren who constituted said Lodge, with few exceptions, reside in Felicity. The committee have examined the By-Laws and proceedings of Union Lodge, and find them substantially correct. The memorial for a Lodge at Felicity is accompanied with the charter of Neville Lodge No. 102, which the representative of Union Lodge is authorized to surrender, in case a charter be granted to Union Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the charter of Neville Lodge No. 102, be received, and deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

2. That the fees paid for the dispensation of Union Lodge be refunded, and that a charter issue to Union Lodge on the payment of the cost of the charter, and the Secretary's fee for issuing the same; and that said Lodge take rank as No. 102.

The same committee, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and record of Tarlton Lodge, with the prayer of said Lodge for a charter, have had the subject under consideration, and find their By-Laws to be in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge; the proceedings of the Lodge as recorded correct, and the deportment of the Lodge, so far as the same has come under the notice of the committee, such as should meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge. Owing to the infantile state of the Lodge, and the embarrassment of the times in pecuniary matters, the brethren are constrained to ask the indulgence of the Grand Lodge in the remission of their annual dues for the past year, and the further loan of the jewels now in their use until the next communication of the Grand Lodge. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Tarlton Lodge No. —, and that the dues of said Lodge to the present time be remitted.

2. That the jewels now in the use of Tarlton Lodge be loaned to said Lodge until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The same committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the issuing of dispensations to Union Lodge No. —, in Felicity, Clermont county, Tarlton Lodge No. —, and Union Lodge No. —, in Ripley, Brown county, have examined the papers referred to them, and find the action had in the premises to have been correct.

The same committee, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in relation to his action in authorizing the brethren of Canton Lodge No. 60, to resume their labors, have examined that paper, and find that the action of the Deputy Grand Master, in this particular, to have been such as has received the repeated appro-

bation of the Grand Lodge. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That during recess of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master or the R. W. Deputy Grand Master be, and they are hereby empowered, at their discretion, to authorize the brethren of any such subordinate Lodges within our jurisdiction as have suspended labors for more than one year, to resume work; requiring such Lodge to be duly represented at the next succeeding meeting of the Grand Lodge, to which period of time the authority so granted shall be limited.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Thrall,
Wm. Bevans,
Joseph Smith.

Which report was accepted, and the resolutions severally adopted.

The resolution, the reference of which was reconsidered, to remit the dues of Centre Lodge No. 86, prior to June, 1838, was then taken up and agreed to.

The M. W. *Grand Master*, from the committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, to cause a new Masonic Hall to be erected in the town of Lancaster, made the following report:

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, to cause a new Masonic Hall to be erected in the town of Lancaster, report: That after having agreed upon the dimensions and form of the building, they issued a notice to architects, and offered a premium of $150 for the best plan, and $75 for the second best plan. This notice was published in the United States Gazette, at Philadelphia; Baltimore Patriot, at Baltimore; National Intelligencer, at Washington City; and in most of the prominent papers of the State. In due course of time the committee received about eighteen different plans, and at a meeting held by them at the city of Columbus, in January last, the first premium of $150 was awarded to John D. Jones, Esq., of Philadelphia, and the second premium of $75 to Robert C. Long, Esq., of the city of Baltimore. The plan of Mr. Jones was adopted for the new Grand Lodge Hall, which is estimated to cost $35,000. This sum was the maximum price limited by the committee. All the architectural drawings and estimates were predicated upon the following printed specifications. [See Specifications.]

On the 13th day of August, 1838, the committee, through their chairman, contracted with Jacob Green, a citizen of Lancaster, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the purchase of two lots, on Broad street, as the site for the new Hall, for the sum of $2,800, payable in installments of $1,000, on the 25th of the same month, and $1,000 on the 13th day of August, 1838, and $800 on the 13th day of August, 1840. The first installment of $1,000 Mr. Green received at the time stipulated, and the contract is receipted for that amount. These lots the committee believe are purchased at a very fair price, and are perhaps the most eligible location that could be obtained in Lancaster. They are situated in a part of the town sufficiently central, and are calculated to display the proposed building to excellent advantage. It will be seen by the printed specifications that it was the intention of the committee to occupy the entire building for Masonic purposes, without reference to revenue. One inducement with them in coming to this conclusion was derived from the fact, that in the business part of the town a suitable site could not be procured. In the month of June, 1838, the committee addressed the following circular to the Lodges of Ohio. [See Circular.]

But comparatively few of the Lodges were heard from in reply, and these did not respond to the call made upon them with the liberality anticipated.

At the meeting of the committee at Columbus, in January last, it was proposed to district the State, and visit the Lodges and members of the Order in person. The chairman was authorized to prepare another circular, appoint district committees, and proceed to contract, in anticipation of funds, for building materials. Upon mature

reflection, however, it was considered by him most prudent not to enter into other contracts binding upon the Grand Lodge; and as an extraordinary pressure then existed in the monetary affairs of the whole country, to suspend, for the time, any effort to procure funds. It was believed that a more favorable period would soon arrive, and under the circumstances the committee are persuaded that the course adopted was the most judicious one. They entertain no doubt, that when another appeal is made to the liberality of the Masonic family of Ohio, ample means will be furnished to erect a building that will be creditable to the Order, and entirely comport with its dignity and respectability.

In pursuance of a resolution of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, by which its subscription of $5,000 was placed subject to the order of the committee, that body was drawn upon for the sum of twelve hundred and twenty-five dollars, which was paid to the chairman of the committee, and appropriated as follows: — $1,000 paid to Mr. Green on his lots; $150, the first premium, to Mr. Jones; and $75, the second premium, to Mr. Long.

In the apparent delay which has attended the action of the committee, they have not lost sight of the important duties committed to their charge. It has long been a desideratum with the Grand Lodge of Ohio to possess such an edifice for the accommodation of its members, the transaction of its business, and the preservation of its papers, records, and effects, as shall comport with the dignity of the Fraternity and the liberality of its members. And the committee look forward with pleasing anticipations to the time as not far distant when this important object shall have been attained.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. REESE,
WILLIAM B. THRALL,
ISAAC C. COPELEN.

Which report, on motion of Brother *Kreider*, was laid on the table.

On motion of Brother *Barney*, the M. W. Grand Master was added to the committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of causing a revised Chart or Masonic Monitor to be prepared and printed.

Brother *Copelen*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report:

That on the subject of the dues of Steubenville Lodge No. 45, your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of seven dollars of dues charged to said Lodge be remitted.

Which report was agreed to and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Brother *Launder*,

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns its present communication, it will adjourn to meet in the town of Lancaster, on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the committee on Charters and Dispensations obtained leave to sit during the sittings of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Benjamin*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year.

When the above motion was agreed to, the M. W. Grand Master called the R. W. Deputy Grand Master to the Chair, and retired from the room, after having privately desired the Grand Secretary to announce to the Grand Lodge that he was not a candidate for reëlection. Having held that station for a long time, he desired that the brethren would select some other brother to fill that important station. That other engagements required his attention; and that it would not be consistent with his feel-

ings, nor with the interest of the Fraternity generally, for him to occupy that station longer. That it was his earnest desire to be excused from farther service in that capacity. Which announcement was duly made after the M. W. Grand Master had retired.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded in the election, and on counting the ballots the following brethren were declared duly elected to the offices annexed to their respective names, to wit:

M. W. William J. Reese, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. William B. Thrall, Circleville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Isaac C. Copelen, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
" " John M. Barrere, New Market, Highland county, Grand Junior Warden.
" " George Myers, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " James D. Caldwell, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.
" " Michael Z. Kreider, Lancaster, Grand Marshal.
" " William M. D. Ryan, Rushville, Grand Orator.
" " George L. Shinnick, Zanesville, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Jonathan Johnston, Clermont, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Arthur W. Elliott, Butler county, Grand Chaplain.
" " George W. Claspill, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.
" " John Barney, Worthington, Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Brother *Benjamin*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following further report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the resolution to remit the dues of Jerusalem Lodge No. 19, in Trumbull county, and to admit the delegate of that Lodge to a seat in the Grand Lodge, report the following facts:

In the year 1828, as the committee learn from Brother Beach, who appears here to represent Jerusalem Lodge, said Lodge suspended all work, except to assemble annually to elect officers. Having chosen their officers annually, the committee conceive that said Lodge has preserved an organization, though such organization was not strictly such as is required by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as it failed to make its annual return to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge having, from 1828, to 1838, performed no other labor than the election of its officers, and having, during that time, collected no dues from its members, asks to be exonerated from the payment of dues to the Grand Lodge—which the committee deem reasonable. They therefore report back the resolution without amendment, and recommend its adoption.

The same committee, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and record of proceedings of Georgetown Lodge No. —, have examined the same, and finding them to be in proper form, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Georgetown Lodge No. —.

The same committee, to whom was referred a letter from Brother Hurlburt Scovell, as Secretary of Charity Lodge No. 53, Galena, Delaware county, to the M. W. Grand Master, praying authority to resume work, have considered that matter. And as the Grand Lodge has, by its resolution of this day, invested the presiding officer with plenary powers to act in the premises, the committee report back said letter, and recommend its prayer to the consideration and discretion of the Grand Master.

The same committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, Zanesville, and also, the proceedings of Friendship Lodge No. —, Dresden, proposing to connect a Manual Labor School with the new Masonic Hall, have bestowed upon that subject all the consideration their time would allow. Conceiving that the contemplated union would tend to embarrass the operations of the Grand Lodge in its efforts to secure to itself a suitable edifice, and endanger the ultimate attainment of that object, deem it inexpedient for the Grand Lodge now to undertake the establishment of such school. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The same committee, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Union Lodge No. —, Ripley, Brown county, have examined the same, and find them to be in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. The record of the proceedings of said Lodge has not been submitted to the committee. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation heretofore granted to Union Lodge No. —, Ripley, be continued until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM B. THRALL,
JOSEPH SMITH,
WILLIAM BEVANS.

Which report was accepted, and the recommendation and resolutions severally adopted.

Brother *Carpenter*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report:

George Myers, Grand Treasurer, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio—

1838, June 20.	To balance in his hands		$139 23
" " "	Cash received of Grand Secretary		620 50
" Sept. 27.	Dividend of Clinton Bank of Columbus		16 64
" Dec. 26.	" Franklin Bank of Columbus		50 00
1839, April 25.	" Chillicothe Bank		54 00
" Oct. 1.	Cash of M. W. Grand Master, W. J. Reese		120 00
	Making the sum of		$1,000 37
1838, June 21.	By paid pay-roll	$437 86	
	Grand Chaplain	15 00	
	Donation	30 00	
	Grand Secretary	104 75	
	Sundry small accounts	15 12	
	Brother Sanderson	50 00	
	" Kreider	50 00	
	" Samuel Reed	78 00	
	" G. W. Claspill	12 00	
			$792 73
	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, Oct. 15, 1839		$207 64

The undersigned committee on Accounts, in discharge of their duties, examined the books and vouchers of the Secretary and Treasurer of said Lodge, and find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, as stated above, of $207.64, at the meeting of the communication of said Grand Lodge.

The committee further report, in the hands of the Treasurer, a certificate of stock—

In the Franklin Bank of Columbus	$1,000 00
In the Clinton Bank of Columbus	400 00
In the Bank of Chillicothe	600 00
Amounting to	$2,000 00

Which will make the following amount of available funds in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

Bank stock	$2,000 00
Cash on hand, not including receipts of the present communication	207 64
Amount	$2,207 64

Respectfully submitted,

G. Carpenter,
Isaac W. Davis,
J. M. Barrere,

Brother *G. Carpenter*, from the same committee, reported a balance due to Brother George Sanderson of $61.81; which report was received, and the same was ordered to be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

Brother *White*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report:

The committee on Foreign Communications respectfully report: That they have hastily examined the communications received from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina. South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maine, Indiana and New York, and are pleased to observe the prosperous condition of the craft in these States; and in some of them a zeal worthy of commendation and imitation. Masonry is fast awaking from the slumber into which it had fallen by the unjust warfare waged against it. Public sentiment has in a great measure become tranquilized, and that demagogue spirit, which for a time distracted one of the most pacific institutions of human origin, is receiving the reprobation of the virtuous of all parties.

The committee are pleased to observe that the Grand Lodges of the States above named, regard the attempt to establish St. John's Grand Lodge of the State of New York, as schismatic and illegal, and its tendency calculated to subvert the vital principles of Freemasonry.

They recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to reciprocate the civilities of the Grand Lodges aforesaid, by forwarding to each a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The committee find nothing in the proceedings of the Grand Lodges of the States aforesaid which they believe requires the action of the Grand Lodge at this time.

Jno. D. White,
N. Benjamin,
A. D. Frazell.

Which report was accepted and the recommendation agreed to.

Brother *Kreider* submitted to the Grand Lodge a copy of the By-Laws of Lancaster Lodge and of Pickaway Lodge, which were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Brother Roof, Grand Chaplain, for the sum of fifteen dollars, to defray his expenses in attending this grand communication.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report:

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred sundry notes of hand, in the possession of the Grand Treasurer, find the same to be as follows, to wit:

One note of hand, drawn three months after date, by David Kinkead, dated Aug. 5, 1820, for	$200 00
One note of hand, drawn by Hiram M. Curry, payable January 1st, 1815, and dated February 11, 1814, with interest, (credit indorsed December 1st, 1819, of $30.00,) for	200 00
One note of hand, drawn by Abraham Gallop, payable six months after date, with interest, and dated November 8th, 1817, for	75 00
One note of hand, drawn by Chester Griswold, payable on demand, and dated December 14, 1820, for	24 00

Your committee being unadvised whether payment of said notes can be enforced, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved. That a select committee of one be appointed, to whom said notes shall be referred, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the practicability of collecting said notes, in whole or in part, and to take all necessary steps to enforce payment, and to report his proceedings in the premises at our next grand communication.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Z. Kreider,
Geo. D. Hine,
M. M. Laughlin,

Which report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

On motion of Brother *Laughlin*, the sum of twelve dollars was allowed Brother G. W. Claspill, for his services the past year.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report:

Upon making inquiry into the condition of Finances, they find a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of		$207.64
The amount of grand dues paid at this grand communication is		683.50
Making the sum now in the Treasury		$891.14
The estimate expenditures are as follows:		
Pay Roll estimated at	$568.40	
Grand Secretary's salary and account	96.92½	
Brother George Sanderson's balance of account for printing	61.81	
Grand Tyler's account, &c.	16.00	
	$743.13½	
Leaving an estimate balance in the treasury of		147.41½
To which is to be added dividends on bank stock, remaining undrawn, estimated at		100.00
From which it appears that the estimated balance in the treasury will be		$247.41½

Your committee having duly deliberated on the propriety of devising ways and means to create a permanent fund, are of opinion that the embarrassed condition of the finances in many of the subordinate Lodges makes it inexpedient to take any measures for that purpose. There being a fund in the treasury amply sufficient to meet all contingencies for the ensuing year, there can exist no urgent necessity for increasing the burden of taxation on the Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Z. Kreider,
M. M. Laughlin,
George D. Hine.

Which report was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to install the officers elect.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the report of the committee appointed to cause a new Masonic Hall to be erected, was taken up and approved; and, on motion,

Resolved, That the said committee be continued, with full power to act as they may deem expedient.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master have authority to appoint such person or persons as he may deem expedient, to visit the different Lodges and brethren throughout the State, and to solicit subscriptions and contributions in aid of the erection of the contemplated edifice for the use of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and that he report in the premises at the next grand communication.

Brother *Barney* moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Brother Myers:

Resolved, That the fourth article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the word 'right' in the 4th line of said Article, as it stands printed among the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Which resolution was, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, which have been in default for the last five years, be stricken from the list of Lodges; that the M. W. Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized to take such further steps in relation to the effects of such delinquent Lodges as he may deem proper; and that so much of the resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last grand communication as is inconsistent with this resolution, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Brother *Copelen* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its present session, be forwarded to each delegate in attendance, and also one to every subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*, the resolution offered by Brother Barney to amend the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, was taken up, and on motion, laid over for consideration until the next annual communication.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business report: That they have examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its last communication, and find no unfinished business requiring the action of this Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the revised By-Laws of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, and of Pickaway Lodge No. 23, have examined the said revised By-Laws, and find in them nothing which requires the animadversion of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That 300 copies of the proceedings of the present grand communication be printed; and that the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, now in force, be annexed thereto, and made a part thereof.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the sum of fifteen dollars is allowed Brother Barney, Grand Lecturer, for his services at the present communication.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 17, 1839.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

On motion of Brother *White*,

Resolved, That the charter granted at the present grand communication for a Lodge at Georgetown, be designated as No. 72.

Brother *Copelen*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the case of William Noland, who was recently expelled by Friendship Lodge No. 103, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report: That from all the evidence your committee could obtain, they have come to the conclusion, that the whole proceedings of the said Lodge, in the case of William Noland, are illegal; and it appears to your committee, that there is not that harmony and brotherly love existing among the members of said Lodge, which should exist among the Masonic family. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the labors of said Friendship Lodge, be suspended until it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge, or in its recess to the M. W. Grand Master, that harmony is restored among its members.

2. That William Noland be, and he is hereby restored to the privileges of Masonry.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on Pay Roll, made a report, showing the amount of the Pay Roll to be $568.40, which was agreed to.

Brother *Hanselmann*, from the committee on Charity, made the following report:

The committee on Charity respectfully report: That no business has come before your committee requiring the action of the Grand Lodge; they therefore respectfully ask to be discharged.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Brother *Quinlan*, the vote on yesterday in relation to the amendment of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, was reconsidered. And, on motion, to adopt the proposed amendment, the same was carried by a *unanimous* vote, and the amendment adopted.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to affix the numbers of the several Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to which no number has been affixed.

On motion of Brother *White*,

Resolved, That Batavia Lodge No. —, be allowed, until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge, to make a return of the jewels borrowed of the Grand Lodge at its last regular communication.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of publishing a Masonic Chart, made the following report:

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of publishing a Monitor, Chart or Masonic Manual, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, respectfully report: That in the opinion of your committee a Manual or Monitor, containing the ancient charges, ceremonies, and other matters necessary for the use of the Craft, would promote the interests of Masonry generally; and in the opinion of your committee, by omitting much of the matter now contained in the Monitors, Charts, etc., the same might be improved without adding anything to the expense. They would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, by the Grand Lodge, to prepare a Masonic Chart or Manual, and report the same to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

Which report was accepted and resolution agreed to.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect said committee by

ballot; and on counting the ballots, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit: Brothers Reese, Thrall, Barney, Caldwell and Kreider.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to superintend the printing of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its present grand communication.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Thrall, Caldwell and Myers, said committee.

On motion of Brother *Beach*,

Resolved, That Jerusalem Lodge No. 19, be permitted to hold its meetings in Vernon or Hartford, or either of said places, as the brethren of said Lodge may from time to time agree.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary draw an order on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Union Lodge No. 102, for the sum of forty dollars, pursuant to a resolution of the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following amendment was made to the By-Laws, by a *unanimous* vote, to wit:

Amended the 19th Article, in the last line, before the words "Grand Master" insert the words "Grand Lodge."

On motion of Brother *Benjamin*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 11 o'clock this forenoon.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

On motion of Brother *Copelen*,

Ordered, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the Grand Secretary ninety dollars, as his salary.

On motion of Brother *Hine*,

Resolved, That Canton Lodge No. 60, be, and they are hereby instructed, forthwith to expel Saunders Van Rensselear.

There being no further business, after an address to the Throne of Grace, by Brother Roof, the Grand Lodge adjourned until the third Tuesday in October, 1840, (20th Oct. 1840,) to meet in Lancaster.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

JAMES D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

P. S.—Return received from Belmont Lodge No. 16, on the 19th of October, 1839, by Brother Anthony Weyer, Representative, after all the proceedings closed. Dues, $15, not paid.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

In the Town of Lancaster, October 20, A. D. 1840—A. L. 5840.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother LOUIS J. MŒLLER, Lancaster.]

THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Lancaster, on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1840, A. L. 5840, in conformity to a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the regular communication in October, A. D. 1839.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Deputy Grand Master.
" " ISAAC C. COPELEN, Grand Senior Warden.
" " JOHN M. BARRERE, Grand Junior Warden.
" " GEORGE MYERS, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.
" " ARTHUR C. DAVIS, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Grand Junior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Grand Steward and Tyler.

A Lodge of Master Masons was then opened in due and ancient form, and united in prayer with Brother Jos. A. Roof, Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*

The M. W. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney, Reed and Roof.
On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Davis and Crume.

The committee on Credentials made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee appointed to examine Credentials, respectfully report, that they find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	I. C. Copelen, C. F. Hanselmann, E. C. Harper.
4.	New England	John Barney.
5.	Amity	George L. Shinnick.
6.	Scioto	James D. Caldwell.
8.	Harmony	F. M. Wright, J. C. Phillips.
9.	Mt Zion	B. F. Smith.
13.	St. Johns'	G. W. Edgerly, J. Sayre.
14.	Franklin	George Keifer.
16.	Belmont	John A. Weyer.
23.	Pickaway	W. B. Thrall, D. Brunner.
29.	Clermont Social	J. Johnson.
33.	Ebenezer	William Larwill.
38.	Hillsboro'	J. M Barrere, J. Woollas.
45.	Steubenville	H. J. Hukill.
46.	Miami	William M'Cammon.
48.	Aurora	Arthur C. Davis.
54.	Milford	H. Perrin.
57.	Lancaster	G. Myers, M. Z. Kreider, J. Cranmer.
60.	Canton	John Sala.

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
61.	Bethel	Jonathan Johnston.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Samuel Barney.
65.	New Lisbon	Emanuel W. Roller.
72.	Georgetown	John D. White, George B. Bailey.
76.	Somerset	John Leidy.
79.	Lafayette	Daniel Hattan.
81.	Lafayette	Samuel Reed. William Hunter. O. M. Spencer.
82.	Bolivar	Emanuel Hoffman.
86.	Center	John Selby.
97.	Newark	John M. Jmith, S. Patridge, S. H. Bancroft.
103.	Friendship	William Noland.
103.	Clinton	George D. Hine.
104.	Batavia	David C. Bryan.
—.	Fellowship, U. D.	Pliny M Crume.
—.	Washington, "	Thomas Launder.
—.	Union, "	J. D. White.
—.	Washington, "	Wm. M. Ledwith, Samuel M'Elvain, Jacob Ott.

Making thirty-one regularly chartered Lodges, and four working under Dispensations, duly represented. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

J. D. Caldwell,
A. C. Davis,
P. M. Crume.

It appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges was represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared The Grand Lodge of Ohio duly opened for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Myers*, the Grand Lodge then took a recess until half past two, P. M.

Half past two o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Kreider, Larwill and Shinnick.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Thrall, Spencer and Leidy.
On Charity—Brothers Reed, Samuel Barney and Noland.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Keifer, Brunner and White.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Copelen, Edgerly and J. Johnston.
On Ways and Means—Brothers J. M. Smith, Myers and Caldwell.
On Pay Roll—Brothers M'Cammon, Hunter and Bancroft.

The M. W. Grand Master then submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

In communicating a statement of his official actions for the past year, the undersigned avails himself, with much pleasure, of the occasion to congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the lively interest that is manifested in every part of the State in regard to the Masonic institution. New Lodges have been erected under the most favorable circumstances, and many of the old ones have been roused from their slumbers, and again gone "to labor" with the cheering prospect before them of doing good.

A Lodge of Freemasons was never instituted for selfish purposes. It should therefore not only impose salutary and restrictive rules for the government of its own members, but it should exercise a *positive, moral influence* upon the well being and good order of the community around it.

It fails to answer its proper end whenever it fails to accomplish this, because the rules for its government, the ethics it inculcates, and the principles it is bound to recognize, are of such a nature as *must* conduce to this result, if they are only faithfully administered and honestly lived up to. And whenever a Lodge is found failing to hold its regular, periodical meetings, neglecting the performance of enjoined duties, and upon which public opinion has settled with distrust, the conclusion is irresistible that either its members have become lukewarm and negligent in the discharge of their general Masonic duties, or, what is more frequently the case, that there exist among them some

bold, bad men, whose reckless characters and profligate lives are the impediment and stumbling block over which the Lodge itself has been prostrated into ruins.

It seems to me that the Grand Lodge never exercises a more salutary and necessary portion of its parental authority, that when it interposes, as it often has to do, in cases like this.

The subordinate Lodges should be clearly taught by it their various duties, especially those which concern the admission and initiation of members. They should be taught the great responsibility under which they rest in this particular, and of their direct accountability to the Grand Lodge for any infraction of their charters, or the violation of any known law or canon of the Order.

While it is the peculiar province of this body to enact the supreme Masonic laws of the State, it is also its bounden duty to take care that all of its enactments are strictly enforced, and unhesitatingly obeyed; otherwise its existence were useless, and its supremacy a fable.

Should it become necessary, at any time, in order to maintain its own authority, the enforcement of its laws, or the preservation of the purity of any of the principles of the Old Institution, it is due both to itself and its high responsibilities to the Whole Fraternity, that no obstacle whatsoever should be suffered to interfere with the accomplishment of such an end.

These observations are presented, because my own experience has fully demonstrated the fact, that whenever the Grand Lodge has firmly assumed the exercise of its legitimate powers over the subordinate Lodges, whether to restrain, to counsel, to resuscitate or to punish, consequences beneficial to Masonry have always been the result.

At the last session of this body, the labors of Friendship Lodge No. 103, at Dresden, in Muskingum county, were ordered to be suspended, until it should be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Grand Master that harmony was fully restored among its members. In November, 1839, I received satisfactory assurances that the unpleasant difficulties heretofore existing in this Lodge had been adjusted, and that its officers and members had pledged themselves to each other to be characterized in future by harmony, affection, and brotherly concord, in their Masonic and social intercourse. Accordingly, on the 14th day of December of the same year, I issued letters, authorizing the said Lodge to resume their Masonic labors.

In April last I received a communication from these brethren, inviting me to visit them, and install the officers of their Lodge on the 14th of that month. Other engagements preventing a personal attendance, I sent my proxy to our lamented brother, D. W. Rhodes, of Zanesville, who performed the duties of the occasion. In his official report to me, he expresses his opinion, in favorable terms, of the good conduct and behavior of the members, and I have every reason to believe that the Lodge at present is in a healthy and flourishing condition.

On the 1st day of November, 1839, I issued a dispensation constituting a Lodge of Master Masons at the town of New Paris, in Preble county, by the name of Fellowship Lodge No. —. The respectability of the brethren making this application, was a sufficient guaranty to me that the trust confided to them would be properly guarded, and I am happy to add that assurances, confirmatory of this opinion, have been received.

In consequence of an application from a legal number of Master Masons at West Carlisle, in Coshocton county, duly avouched by the Lodge at Dresden, I issued letters of dispensation on the 10th day of February, 1840, constituting a new Lodge at that place by the name of Washington Lodge No. —. This application was also accompanied by a commendatory certificate or letter, dated at Coshocton, the 29th of January, 1840, and signed by some of the most respectable members of the Order at that place. It is due to myself, as well as to this new Lodge, to state that shortly after its organization I received a Masonic communication from Zanesville, advising of certain irregular proceedings on its part in regard to the initiation of members. I considered it my duty immediately thereafter to address a letter to the Master, requiring to be furnished with a copy of the By-Laws, and a record of the proceedings of his Lodge. These were received, accompanied with an explanation which was satisfactory. In April last

I appointed Brother David Spangler, of Coshocton, a Past Grand Officer of this body, my proxy to *visit* Washington Lodge. This duty he performed, and in his report of the proceedings that were then had, has given me the highest assurances of the respectability and good government of the Lodge.

In February last the members of Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, at Wooster, in Wayne county, made application to me to be reinstated, and have their former Masonic privileges confirmed. This Lodge having been in default for five years last past had forfeited its charter, under a resolution of the Grand Lodge, and no power was vested in me to act in the premises.

The brethren, however, being very desirous to resume their labors before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the occurrence of peculiar circumstances operating, in my opinion, apologetic for past remissness, I was induced to recommend to them an application for a dispensation, with the assurance that I would present their case to the favorable consideration of this body, presuming that the fee would be returned, and their charter restored. On the 28th of February, in compliance with their application, which was then received, I issued a dispensation for a new Lodge at Wooster.

In July last I received an application from the constitutional number of Master Masons, at Marion, in Marion county, praying for the establishment of a new Lodge at that place. The application being accompanied with all the essentials required by the Grand Lodge, I issued a dispensation for the erection of Marion Lodge No. —, on the 18th of July, 1840.

During the past year I have received several communications from Master Masons in Cleveland, and from the brethren of Concord Lodge No. 15, of that city, desiring authority to resume their Masonic labors, under the provisions of their charter, which had become forfeited by *non user*. A few days since, another application of a similar nature was received by me from the same source, addressed to the Grand Lodge, with the request to ask that it should be favorably entertained by you. The several papers alluded to accompany this report, and shall have such reference as you may direct.

In March last, application was received from the requisite number of Master Masons, in Carrolton, Carrol county, Ohio, asking letters of dispensation for a new Lodge in that place. The petition not being in form, was returned. I have not since heard from them, but presume that some one of the delegates present, has this matter in charge.

A communication was also received, in June last, from a Brother, in behalf of the Lodge in Mansfield, in Richland county, the nature and import of which, will, I apprehend, be fully presented to you by some of the delegates in attendance.

In June last, I received letters from a committee, in behalf the Lodge at Massillon, inviting me to be present on the 24th inst., and lay, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of a new Church Edifice and Lodge Hall, in that place.

Being unable to be personally present, I nominated by special warrant, Brother George Myers, of Lancaster, my proxy for the occasion; authorizing him to open, and preside over the Grand Lodge, at Massillon, and conduct the ceremonies of the day. This duty was performed by him, and the proceedings have been received for record upon the journal of the Grand Lodge.

At the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, authority was vested with the Chair, "to appoint such person, or persons, as he might deem expedient, to visit the different Lodges and Brethren throughout the State, to solicit subscriptions and contributions, in aid of the erection of the contemplated edifice, for the use of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, with instructions to report in the premises at the present grand communication." In consultation with some of the members of the committee, upon the new Grand Lodge Hall, it was considered by them inexpedient to make any efforts, during the past year, to procure funds for the object contemplated. The very serious derangement that existed in every part of the State, in regard to moneyed matters, rendered it in their opinion almost certain, that such an effort would not prove very successful. My own judgment entirely approbating this course, no action was had by me, under the authority vested. There can be no doubt, that in a period of financial prosperity, the well known liberality of the Order, will not need to be appealed to twice, to insure the erection

of such a building for the use of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as will fully comport with its dignity, and their respectability. The doings of the committee, their views and financial statements, will be presented to you in detail, in their report.

Some of the neighboring Grand Lodges, are taking measures in reference to the establishment of a "*General Grand Lodge for the United States.*" In some respects the formation of such a Masonic body might be productive of lasting good to the craft. The subject is presented to your consideration, for such action as you shall deem best.

During the past year, I have visited, officially, several of the subordinate Lodges, and assisted in the public ceremonies of the Order; dedicating those at Tarlton and Chillicothe, to the solemn uses of Masonry. I have received much gratification from such intercourse, particular with the Lodges at Zanesville and Cincinnati, at both of which places I witnessed the manner and method of their work. And it affords me sincere pleasure, thus publicly to express my entire approbation, both as it respects the deportment and moral standing of the members, their adherence to ancient formula, and the excellent regulations and good government of their Lodges.

I am decidedly of the opinion, that if such an intercourse were more generally maintained, and frequent official visits were had, by the officers of this body, to the subordinate Lodges of the State, there would thus be employed a very effective means to reänimate the energies that have palsied by slumber, and generally promote the welfare and interests of the craft.

Among other subjects that I have witnessed with regret, since I have had the honor to occupy this chair, is the discrepancy that has, and does now obtain, in the system of work, among the different subordinate Lodges. All will readily admit, that this should be permanent and uniform; the only question that can now arise in regard to the subject is, which is the most correct system? And this question can be established, only by a body of Masons, constituted with a jurisdiction such as this.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio enumerates, among its officers, that of *Grand Lecturer*, who, under its commission, and the sanction of its authority, is empowered to visit, and prescribe a uniform system of work throughout the State. The means to accomplish this desirable end, are thus furnished, and the discrepancy complained of, would be removed, if the Lodges generally availed themselves of the services provided. I feel that I would be here doing great injustice to the venerable Brother, who, for several years past, has occupied this important station, did I not express to you the opinion I entertain, that in Ohio, we are much indebted to his disinterested labors and high Masonic attainments, for the happy results that are now being manifested among our Lodges. I regard it as one of the peculiar duties of the Grand Lodge, to exercise at all times, a constant and jealous supervision over this subject, and as every thing like imposture and innovation, upon the *ancient land marks*, must be reprobated and put down, so a correct, systematic and uniform method of work, ought to be prescribed for the government of all the Lodges.

In presenting this report for your consideration, I am aware that I have somewhat transcended the required statement of official duties, which seem to be confined by the provisions of the By-Laws to the doings of the Chair, in regard to the issuing of Dispensations. But as the "foreign subjects," here touched upon, are in my judgment of consequence to the Masonic family of the state, I consider it proper as such, that they should be presented to your notice.

It would perhaps be conducive of good, should the presiding officer of the Grand Lodge be required at each annual communication, to present in detail, his opinions and views, in regard to matters of general Masonic interest, and to incorporate in his report such suggestions and recommendations, as the intercourse and experience, incident to his station, always qualify him to make.

I can not close this somewhat desultory communication, and the last official report, that, in all human probability, I shall ever have the honor to make to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as its presiding officer, without expressing my sincere regret, that more frequent opportunities have not occurred to me of visiting, officially, the different Lodges of the state. Indeed I have sometimes entertained apprehensions, that in the discharge

of the duties of this responsible station, I may have become obnoxious to the charge of being a slothful if not a negligent workman; and that it was due both to this body, and to the Lodges of Ohio, whose confidence I have enjoyed, for so long a period in the occupancy of this chair, that more vigorous and personal exertions should have been put forth, to render its duties, at least, more active than they have been.

Many of the Brethren here present, will remember that, for the last three years, I have stated to the Grand Lodge my impressions with reference to a change in its presiding officer, and my anxious desire, that some Brother, with more leisure at his command—with higher abilities and more extended influence—should be selected, for this important trust. It was your good pleasure, however, to determine otherwise; demonstrated too with such an unanimity of sentiment, that it would have been fastidious, indeed, if not repugnant to propriety, to have declined the appointment. Permit me, once more, respectfully to call this subject to your consideration, and to renew the opinions and feelings, I have heretofore expressed in connection with it.

It is particularly pleasing to be able to present to you, on retiring from the duties of this station such flattering demonstrations, as are now evidenced in behalf of the Institutions of our Order. In this state particularly, for the last four or five years, the improvement has been steady and progressive, as the records of the Grand Lodge conclusively show. The beautiful and marvellous "*light*" is shedding its rich radiance over portions of the country, where but a short period since "thick darkness" had gathered like a funeral pall; the Master's mallet is now sounding in Halls that have been long silent and unoccupied; the good and influential men of society are going back again to their deserted seats, and the "old banner" is floating upon the breeze, honored and reverenced, as in the days of its palmier history. We have passed through the crisis of our difficulties. Public opinion is fast settling in our favor, and the mutterings of the spent storm are heard but indistinctly through the distance. With *prudence* and *circumspection* to direct our doings, we have nothing to apprehend from the future.

The duty will rest with you, my brethren, so to legislate, and so to act, with reference to the various Masonic matters and interests committed to you, that the genuine principles of the Order may be subserved, the welfare of the different Lodges maintained, and the harmony, the respectability, and the usefulness of the Craft be still more permanently established.

And now, with my sincere and most affectionate wishes for the common weal of our ancient institution, for the social and Masonic happiness of yourselves, and of the Lodges you represent, allow me in conclusion to add, that the distinguished marks of confidence you have so frequently reposed in me will ever be remembered with profound sensibility, and constitute, under all circumstances, the most cherished and gratifying of the recollections of my life.

Lancaster, October 20th, 1840. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to the granting of letters of dispensation within the past year, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Launder*,

Resolved, That the dispensation, together with a copy of the By-Laws and proceedings of Washington Lodge, holden at West Carlisle, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Crume*,

Resolved, That the returns of Fellowship Lodge, working under dispensation, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Sala* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the dues of Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, up to October, 1839, be remitted, and that said Lodge be entitled to a representative at the present term.

On motion of Brother *Larwill*,

Resolved, That the situation of Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, at Wooster, now working under dispensation of the Grand Lodge, and the propriety of restoring to them their charter, and refunding the fees paid for a dispensation, be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Ledwith* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the returns of Washington Lodge, (Fayette county) working under dispensation, together with its proceedings, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *White*,

Resolved, That the return of the proceedings of Union Lodge, at Ripley, working under dispensation, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Spencer*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the subject of the formation of a *General Grand Lodge*, be referred to a select committee of five members.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Spencer, Thrall, Barney, Crume and Keifer said committee.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 21st, 1840.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was received and agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the annual returns and By-Laws of Fellowship Lodge No. —, held at New Paris, Preble county, Ohio, have examined the same, and find them conformable to the regulations and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. But inasmuch as the dispensation under which said Lodge is working, and the record of its proceedings, have not been submitted to your committee, we respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation heretofore granted to Fellowship Lodge, be continued until the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

The same committee, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and record of proceedings of Washington Lodge No. —, held in the town of Washington, Fayette county, find the same in the main conformable to the prescriptions of the Grand Lodge. They find, however, that the first section of the fifth article of the By-Laws of said Lodge permits the initiation of applicants without the application having laid over from one regular communication to another, as a resolution of the Grand Lodge requires. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Washington Lodge No. —.
2. That said Washington Lodge No. — be advised to amend the said section of their By-Laws, by striking out the word "expedient," and all the subsequent part of the section, inserting in lieu thereof the words "a case of emergency."

The same committee, to whom was referred the proceedings of Union Lodge No. —, working in Ripley, Brown county, under a dispensation granted by the M. W. Grand Master, and continued by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, have examined the same, and conceive that the proceedings of said Lodge have been irregular, in that it proceeded to the election of officers other than those named in the dispensation; and that the officers so elected proceeded to the discharge of the duties of their stations to which they had been so elected, and *subsequently* were installed into their

respective stations—*all* of which proceedings we conceive to have been irregular. Your committee are of opinion that all the proceedings of the Lodge, except such as were had under the direction of the officers named in the dispensation, partake of this irregularity. Their dispensation named three individuals, recommended for their prudence, skill and discretion, as the presiding officers of the Lodge. We hold that it is not competent for such Lodge, while working under a dispensation, to substitute other individuals for those so especially designated. Union Lodge was organized on the 2d of September, 1839, under a letter of dispensation granted on the 10th of August of that year; and the proceedings were regularly conducted until the 18th of November following, at which time the Lodge proceeded to hold an election, and made choice o. officers other than those named in the dispensation, under whose direction all the subsequent proceedings have been conducted. From information derived from Brother White, your committee are satisfied that the brethren of Union Lodge, in proceeding to the election of officers, acted in good faith, though under an erroneous impression of their duty. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation to Union Lodge No. —, at Ripley, be further continued, until the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that the officers named in the dispensation retain their respective stations.

The same committee, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws, and record of proceedings of Washington Lodge No. —, held at West Carlisle, Coshocton county, have examined the same, and find them to be in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the usages of the Order. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter issue to Washington Lodge, at West Carlisle, Coshocton county, and that said Lodge be numbered —.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Thrall,
O. M. Spencer,
John Leidy.

On motion of Brother *Crume*,

Resolved, That so much of the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations as relates to Fellowship Lodge, be laid upon the table.

On motion of Brother *White*,

Resolved, That so much of the resolution of the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations as relates to Union Lodge, at Ripley, be laid on the table.

On motion, the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, together with the resolutions, respectively, in relation to Washington Lodge, holden at West Carlisle, in Coshocton county, and Washington Lodge, at Washington, Fayette county, were severally adopted.

Brother *Crume* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized, upon the receipt of the dispensation under which Fellowship Lodge is now and has heretofore been working, (together with all dues whatsoever required by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge) to forward a charter to said Fellowship Lodge, at New Paris, Preble county, bearing concurrent date with the receipt of said dispensation.

Which resolution was disagreed to.

On motion of Brother *Reed*, so much of the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations as relates to New Paris Lodge was then taken up, considered, and adopted.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, so much of the report of the committe on Charters and Dispensations as relates to Union Lodge, at Ripley, was taken up, when Brother *John D. White* offered the following resolution, which was lost, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a charter to Union Lodge No. —, at Ripley, Brown county, upon the return of its dispensation to him.

The committee appointed to superintend the erection of a Masonic Hall, in the town of Lancaster, for the use of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:

The committee appointed to superintend the erection of a new Masonic Hall, in the town of Lancaster, for the use of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, respectfully report their proceedings for the past year.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge, hopes were entertained that some movements towards the erection of the contemplated building, could have been favorably commenced during the past season, and the committee anticipated at this time to have reported that the foundation, at least, had been laid. In this, however, they have been disappointed. The pecuniary embarrassment that has existed in every part of the State, rendered, in their opinion, any attempt to procure funds, through the intervention of the subordinate Lodges, entirely useless; and on consultation with the Grand Master, who was authorized to appoint persons to visit the different Lodges and Masons in the State, for that purpose, he concurred with your committee upon the inexpediency of adopting any measures of that kind until a more propitious period in money matters should arise. While the committee regret that this formidable obstacle has as yet been in the way of any considerable progress in their labors, they entertain a strong hope that the time is not far distant when the new Masonic Hall may be commenced under prospects that will insure its rapid and successful completion. During the past year, the committee have expended, under the direction of their Chairman, in filling up, leveling and curbing the lots, and in the payment of taxes upon the same, the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars and twelve cents. Of this sum, sixty-seven dollars and sixty-five cents were paid by Lancaster Lodge on account of its subscription upon the order of the Chairman of the committee; the balance, with the exception of ten dollars, were advanced out of the funds of the Grand Lodge. Other accounts, for curbing and filling the lots, not yet presented, will amount to about two hundred dollars more. The committee also represent that the two last payments on the purchase of the lots, amounting to eighteen hundred and seventy-eight dollars, inclusive of interest, are due and unpaid. Of this sum, if the payment due in August, 1839, were now met, amounting to one thousand and seventy dollars, the committee have assurances that a further credit of one year can be had on the balance. It will be remembered that in order to aid in the erection of the proposed Grand Lodge Hall, Lancaster Lodge No. 57, pledged itself to advance the sum of five thousand dollars for that purpose, and by resolution, placed that amount subject to be drawn for at the disposal of the committee, and has already advanced about thirteen hundred dollars of this amount. The committee felt much reluctance to draw upon this Lodge for any money that they could possibly do without, as the same general pecuniary difficulties which have operated to embarrass the other Lodges of the State, have doubtless more or less influenced the resources of this one also. If the sum of fifteen hundred dollars were now placed at the disposal of the committee, no additional moneys would be required until the building should be commenced. When the Grand Lodge pledged itself that a new Hall should be erected in Lancaster, in which to hold its future sittings, it was the understanding of the members that its present vested funds should not be trenched upon, but the strongest assurances, at the same time, were given that the requisite amount of means would readily be procured throughout the State. Of the favorable result of an application, at a proper time, the committee have already expressed the opinion that they entertain no doubt.

Without desiring to use the funds of the Grand Lodge, contrary to original understanding, the committee respectfully suggest whether it would not be policy for the Grand Lodge to afford that assistance to them, which it is in its power now to do, by causing an account to be opened on the books of the Grand Treasurer with the new

Masonic Hall, and loaning to that fund, part of the vested moneys now on hand, to be reimbursed hereafter with interest, which it is believed could be done in a year or two; and be then, perhaps, more profitably invested than they now are. It is also suggested that the committee having charge of this building be authorized, at their discretion, to make such modifications or alterations in its structure, size, and plan of building, as circumstances might render expedient. During the coming year, if practicable, the stone should be delivered and the foundation laid, and contracts for other materials entered into.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. REESE,
S. STOKELY,
I. C. COPELEN,
W. B. THRALL.

Which report was, on motion of Brother *Thrall*, referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

On motion of Brother *Edgerly*, it was

Resolved, That the By-Laws recently adopted by St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, at Dayton, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Sala* submitted the following report, to wit:

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, at its regular communication, A. L. 5839, Canton Lodge No. 60, have expelled Sanders Van Rensselaer, for unmasonic conduct, at their regular communication in November last; and at the same meeting, Henry Imhoof and George Brysocker, were also expelled for gross unmasonic conduct.

On motion of Brother *Bancroft*, the petition of the brethren of Newark Lodge No. 97, praying for the erection of a Lodge at Jackson, in Licking county, was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Launder*, it was

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns its present communication, it will adjourn to meet in the town of Lancaster, on the third Tuesday in October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

Brother *Thrall* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Tarlton Lodge No. 104, have time until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge to pay its dues to the Grand Lodge, and that the loan of jewels to said Lodge be continued for the same space of time.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to elect its officers for the ensuing year at two o'clock this afternoon.

Brother *Thrall* moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approves of the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master. contained in his communication to this body, at its present meeting, in reference to his annual report; and that hereafter it shall be considered the duty of that officer, at each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, to present, immediately after the appointment of the standing committee, his views in detail, on subjects of general Masonic interest, accompanied with such suggestions and recommendations as he shall deem proper to make—which report shall have such reference as its various subject matters require.

The R. W. *Deputy Grand Master* submitted a report, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, leave was granted to the committee on Charters and Dispensations to sit during the sitting of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as before, except the M. W. Grand Master.

In pursuance of a resolution passed in the forenoon session, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year; when, on counting the ballots, the following brethren were declared duly elected to the several offices affixed to their respective names, to wit:

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Circleville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " ISAAC C. COPELEN, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
" " JOHN M. BARRERE, New Market, Highland county, Grand Junior Warden.
" " GEORGE MYERS, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Troy, Miami county, Grand Marshal.
" " OLIVER M. SPENCER, Cincinnati, Grand Orator.
" " GEORGE L. SHINNICK, Zanesville, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " JOHN JOHNSTON, Williamsburg, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " JOSEPH A. ROOF, Circleville, Grand Chaplain.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Lancaster, Grand Steward and Tyler.
" " JOHN BARNEY, Worthington, Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Brother *John Barney*,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon Brother W. J. Reese, and inform him of his election to the office of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and request his attendance.

Whereupon, Brothers Spencer, Hine and Weyer, were appointed said committee, who attended to that duty, and introduced the M. W. Grand Master elect, with appropriate ceremonies.

Brother *Kreider* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be a committee to superintend and cause to be printed three hundred copies of the proceedings of the grand communication, and that he forward one copy thereof to each member of the Grand Lodge, three copies to every Lodge subordinate thereto, and one copy to every other Grand Lodge in the United States, within three months after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Reed*, from the committee on Charity, made the following report:

The committee on Charity respectfully report that nothing has been presented to your committee requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

Which report was accepted.

Brother *Keifer*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they have examined the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its late communication in October, A. D. 1839, and find no unfinished business requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

G. KEIFER,
JOHN D. WHITE,
DANIEL BRUNNER.

Which report was accepted.

On motion of Brother *Launder*,

Resolved, That to-morrow morning at eight o'clock, be the time set apart for the installation of the officers elect of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *M'Cammon* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution passed at the present session, fixing the time of holding the next grand communication, be reconsidered.

Which, on motion of Brother *Thrall*, was laid upon the table.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following additional report:

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations further report:

That they have duly considered so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the application, by sundry brethren of Cleveland, for authority to resume work as a Lodge; and find that Concord Lodge No. 15, Cleveland, was stricken from the list of Lodges, under the operation of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, adopted at the last grand communication. As the applicants exhibit no reason for taking said Lodge out of the operation of the rule prescribed by the Grand Lodge at its last session, ordering delinquent Lodges to be stricken from the list of Lodges, the committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That said application be postponed until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

2. That it be suggested to said brethren, in the mean time, to apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation as in case of a new Lodge.

The same committee have examined the papers referred to them in relation to the action of the Grand Master in restoring to its Masonic privileges, Friendship Lodge No. 103, Dresden, and find such action to be conformable to the requirements of the Grand Lodge, at its last annual meeting, and recommend that the same be approved.

The same committee have examined the papers in relation to the granting a dispensation to the brethren of Marion Lodge No. ——, and find them to be in proper form. But as said Lodge has failed to forward to the Grand Lodge its dispensation, By-Laws, and record of proceedings, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation of Marion Lodge No. ——, be continued until the next regular communication.

The same committee have had under consideration the application of a number of brethren of Wooster, Wayne county, acting under dispensation, granted February 28, 1840, praying the restoration of Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, and for pecuniary relief.

We are of opinion that the reasons assigned by the Brother, representing said Lodge, for the suspension of its labors, are such as should entitle the Lodge to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, be restored to its former standing in the Grand Lodge—that it be authorized to resume work under its charter, on restoring the dispensation granted during the past year, to the Grand Secretary, and that the fees paid for such dispensation be refunded.

The same committee have examined the papers referred to them in the case of Washington Lodge No. ——, held in Washington, Fayette county, and find the same to have been in pursuance of the requisitions of the Grand Lodge.

The same committee have examined the revised By-Laws of Amity Lodge No. 5, Zanesville, and approve the same. Also, the By-Laws of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, Dayton, which they also approve.

The same committee have examined the report of the present condition of Charity Lodge No. 53, held at Galena, Delaware county; and learn that said Lodge has done no work since the year 1829. Six of the then members still survive and are residing at Galena; who, together with six other brethren, all vouched by the Grand Lecturer to be "good men and true," are desirous of associating together, and resuming the labors of said Lodge. Three dollars, the dues for the current year of the six remaining members, accompany the application. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Charity Lodge No. 53, be authorized to resume work under its charter, and that its dues to the Grand Lodge, prior to the year 1840, be remitted.

The same committee, to whom was referred a letter of Brother C. S. Coffinbury, on behalf of the brethren of Mansfield Lodge No. 35, having considered the subject so referred, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, or the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, be authorized to restore Mansfield Lodge to its regular standing, whenever it shall be made appear to their satisfaction that said Lodge has discharged its dues.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Thrall,
O. M. Spencer,
John Leidy.

Which report was accepted.

On motion of Brother *Hine*,

Resolved, That so much of the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, as relates to Concord Lodge No. 15, be laid on the table.

On motion of Brother *Woolley*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, The Grand Lodge, at its regular communication, in the year 1819, granted a charter to Highland Lodge No. 38, at Hillsborough, Highland county, Ohio; and whereas said charter was issued on paper, and has become much mutilated, therefore

Resolved, That a new charter, retaining its present number, issue to said Highland Lodge No. 38, on the payment of the Grand Secretary's fee.

Brother *Thrall*, from the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, report further, and in conclusion: That they have had under consideration the application of Brothers Richard M. Stadden, H. F. Linville, and their associates, praying for a letter of dispensation for a new Lodge at Jackson, Licking county. The applicants are recommended and avouched by the officers of Newark Lodge, No. 97. This is not in strict conformity with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which require the recommendation of "the Lodge nearest the place where it is proposed to establish the new Lodge." Whether this is such a deviation as should induce the Grand Lodge to withhold from the petitioners the object for which they pray, is a question which we respectfully submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. We report back the said application, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Thrall,
O. M. Spencer,
John Leidy.

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Reed*,

Resolved, That the application of Brother Richard M. Stadden and his associates, for a new Lodge at Jackson, Licking county, Ohio, be referred to the M. W. Grand Master for his action, as he may deem right and proper.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

The standing committee on Accounts, having carefully inspected the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectfully report as follows, viz:

George Myers, Grand Treasurer,			Dr.
1839, Oct. 15,	To balance at last settlement		$207 64
" "	Cash of Grand Secretary at last communication		673 50
" "	Dividends received from Bank stock		216 55
" "	Cash received of M. W. Grand Master		160 00
			$1264 69

To amount carried over			$1264 69
		Supra, Cr.	
1839, Oct., By paid Pay Roll		$568 40	
" "	J. Barney, Grand Lecturer	15 00	
" "	Refunded to Felicity Lodge	40 00	
" "	Grand Secretary's account	96 75	
" "	J. A. Roof, Grand Chaplain	15 00	
" "	G. Sanderson, for printing	61 81	
" "	G. W. Claspill, Grand Tyler	16 50	
"	For taxes, curbing, filling, &c., Grand Lodge lots	108 83	
" "	Culbertson & Rokohl, stationery	1 88	
" "	Myers, Fall & Collins' account	17 50	
" "	J. D. Caldwell's account, stationery, carriage on books, and postage	6 00	
" "	Tarlton Lodge for dues remitted	15 00	
			$962 67
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer			302 02

To said balance your committee add, as avails of Grand Lodge, as follows:

Stock in Franklin Bank of Columbus	1,000 00
" Clinton Bank of Columbus	400 00
" Bank of Chillicothe	600 00
Total avails	$2,302 02

Exclusive of moneys received at the present grand communication.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Z. Kreider,
Wm. Larwill,
Geo. L. Shinnick.

On motion of Brother *Hine*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to fix the numbers of the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with reference to the date of their respective charters.

Whereupon Brothers Hine, Crume, and A. C. Davis were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, so much of the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations as relates to Concord Lodge No. 15, was now taken up, and, on motion, agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Mc Cammon*, the motion to reconsider the resolution passed at the present session, fixing the time of holding the next grand communication, was taken up and considered, when,

On motion of Brother *Spencer*, the same was again laid on the table.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise and report a Constitution and By-Laws for this Grand Lodge.

Brothers Spencer, Hine and Edgerly were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Thursday Morning, October 22, 1840.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment. Present as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the report of the committee on Charters

and Dispensations, in relation to Ebenezer Lodge No. 33, was then taken up and considered, and the report of the committee agreed to.

Brother *Kreider* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Brothers John Sala of Canton, Seth E. Hurd of Cleveland, William McLaughlin of Mansfield, William Larwill of Wooster, Van R. Humphrey and William Coolman Jr., of Ravenna, and Elisha Whittlesey, of Canfield, be and they are hereby appointed a committee to visit the counties comprising the "Western Reserve," with power to inquire into and ascertain the condition of such Lodges therein as may have forfeited their charters, collect their jewels, etc., and report the same, together with such other matters as, in their opinion, will be of service to the craft, and make report to the Grand Lodge at its next regular communication.

Brother *J. M. Smith*, from the committee of Ways and Means, made the following report:

The committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred the report of the committee on the new Grand Lodge Hall, have had the matter assigned them under consideration, and respectfully report: That they concur entirely with the views of the committee on the new Masonic Hall, as expressed in their report. They regard the erection of a permanent Hall, wherein to hold the sittings of the Grand Lodge, as a matter that will exercise a salutary and happy influence upon the interests of the fraternity throughout the State; and thus viewing the subject, the committee can see no good reason why the Grand Lodge should not itself assist, with its own pecuniary resources, the furtherance of an object that is destined to exercise such a salutary influence over the craft; especially as the assistance asked for will not impoverish the treasury of the Grand Lodge of one dollar of its money, but on the contrary, as the undersigned believe, will be the means of adding much to it hereafter. The vested funds of the Grand Lodge consist of stock in the following Banks, to wit: $1000 in the Franklin Bank of Columbus; $600 in the Bank of Chillicothe, and $400 in the Clinton Bank of Columbus—amounting in all to the sum of $2000.

During the past year the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge received a circular, addressed to its stockholders, from the Franklin Bank of Columbus, on the subject of winding up the affairs of the Bank, and proposing the purchase, by the Bank, of the stock, at par. It is not probable that, for a year or two to come, the stock of either of the other two institutions can be very productive in the way of dividends, should their charters even be confirmed to them. The committee are of opinion that the Grand Lodge will not risk any pecuniary emolument in ordering this stock to be disposed of, and the proceeds loaned to the new Grand Lodge Hall fund, at an interest of six per cent. per annum; while by so doing it will sustain a high Masonic interest. Impressed with these views, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the vested funds of the Grand Lodge be disposed of, at not less than their par value, and be loaned to a new fund, to be opened on the books of the Grand Treasurer, and designated "Masonic Hall Fund," for the term of three years, at the rate of six per cent. per annum; and the said moneys be placed subject to the order of the committee on the new Masonic Hall, their chairman, or any agent they may appoint.

2. That the Grand Treasurer, as trustee, be directed to dispose of the stock in the Chillicothe Bank and the Clinton Bank of Columbus, and that the same officer, as trustee for the stock named in the Franklin Bank of Columbus, be a committee to dispose of the same, on the terms provided in the foregoing resolution.

3. That the present committee on the new Grand Lodge Hall be continued, and that they have full power and authority to cause any change to be made in the size, plan, or structure of the proposed building, that they shall deem proper and expedient, adhering as near as possible to the plan of the architect adopted.

4. That the M. W. Grand Master, in conjunction with said committee, be empowered to adopt such plan as they shall consider best, to procure by subscription or donation the necessary funds to progress with the building; and that the committee be instructed to proceed with the same as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Smith,
J. D. Caldwell,
Geo. Myers.

Which report was accepted, and the resolutions agreed to.

Brother *A. C. Davis* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be allowed to Brother John Barney, Grand Lecturer, for his services at the present communication.

On motion of Brother *John Leidy*, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master be a committee to compile, within sixty days, a *Masonic Funeral Service;* and that the same be printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its present grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Spencer*, the motion to reconsider the resolution of the Grand Lodge in relation to the time of holding the next annual communication, was then taken up, and, on leave, the motion to reconsider was withdrawn.

Brother *Barrere* presented the account of Jason Case & Co., amounting to $36.25, which, on his motion, was allowed.

On motion of Brother *Barrere*, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to issue a special dispensation to the brethren of Highland Lodge No. 38, authorizing them to hold meetings at Leesburg and New Market, provided a majority of the brethren of said Lodge shall make application in writing to him for that purpose.

On motion of Brother *Copelen*,

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be allowed Brother G. W. Claspill, Grand Steward and Tyler, for his services at the present grand communication.

Brother *Kreider* presented the account of Brother G. W. Claspill, for repairs done to Grand Lodge furniture, amounting to three dollars, which was allowed, and ordered to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

Brother *Mc Cammon*, from the committee on the Pay Roll, made report in part, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*,

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed to Brother J. D. Caldwell, for his services as Grand Secretary during the past year.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.

Brother *Copelen*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on Foreign Communications respectfully report: That they have examined the communications received from the Grand Lodges of New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Connecticut, Mississippi, Maryland and Massachusetts, and are much gratified with the prosperous condition of the craft in those States respectively. Your committee recommend that the said several communications be laid up in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to reciprocate the ci-

vilities of the said Grand Lodges, by forwarding to each a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. Your committee find nothing in said communications requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

ISAAC C. COPELEN,
G. W. EDGERLY,
J. JOHNSON.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was then taken up and agreed to:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the town of Lancaster on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1841.

On motion of Brother *Hine*, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to petition the Legislature, at its next session, for the incorporation of the Grand Lodge.

Brothers Hine, Thrall, Caldwell, Spencer and Myers, were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*,

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid Brother Joseph A. Roof, for his services as Grand Chaplain at the present grand communication.

The Pay-Roll was then taken up, [amounting to the sum of $649.36,] and agreed to.

Brother *Thrall* offered the following resolution, which was disagreed to:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last grand communication, charged with the duty of preparing a Masonic Chart or Manual, be discharged.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to affix the numbers of the several Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, have until the next regular communication to report, and that the Grand Lecturer be added to said committee.

Brother *Spencer*, from the select committee to whom so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the organization of a *General Grand Lodge for the United States* was referred, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's communication as relates to the organization of a General Grand Lodge for the United States, report: That on examination of the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge, they discover that the Grand Lodge of Alabama, at its last annual communication, adopted the following resolution, initiatory to the formation of such a body, viz:

"*Resolved*, That all Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Alabama, be requested to elect one delegate, to meet in General Convention on the first Monday in March, 1842, in the city of Washington, for the purpose of determining upon a uniform mode of work throughout all the Lodges of the United States, and to make other lawful regulations for the interest and security of the Craft."

The importance of the subject involved in said resolution is such as in the opinion of your committee to require the deepest and most mature deliberation. On the one hand, it cannot be doubted that an early and permanent provision for securing and maintaining an uniform system of work throughout the United States, is highly essential to the welfare of the Fraternity. In a wide-spread territory, rapidly extending its borders, and as rapidly filling up with a population gathered from almost every region of the world, differing in habits, in feelings, and information, it cannot be expected that the principles and truths of Masonry should be alike understood by all, without constant intercourse or uniform instruction. On the other hand, there seems a great and just repugnance in the subordinate Lodges, to any alteration or enlargement of their present constitutions, whereby their control over the subject of Masonry shall be

surrendered up or removed to a greater distance from them; and a growing jealousy of any organization which may ultimately assume to itself the entire control of the institution, independent of the rights and powers of those who have appointed it. In view of these considerations, and to assume that safe and deliberate action which the magnitude of the subject seems to require, your committee would recommend that the consideration and adoption of said resolution by this body be laid over to its next regular communication; and in the mean time, referred to the special attention of the subordinate Lodges of which it is composed, or within its jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. Spencer,
W. B. Thrall,
Pliny M. Crume,
John Barney,
George Keifer.

The papers and documents of Marion Lodge, working under dispensation, were presented, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the By-Laws and record of proceedings of Marion Lodge No. —, working under dispensation, together with a letter from the presiding officer of that Lodge, addressed to the M. W. Grand Master, have examined the papers so referred, and find that said Lodge has had but one meeting under its dispensation, the proceedings of which appear to have been correct. The By-Laws adopted by said Lodge, appear to be in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. The dispensation does not appear to accompany the other papers; and if it did, your committee conceive that the prudential object of the Grand Lodge contemplated in requiring its subordinates to work for a season under dispensation, would be defeated, in a great measure, by so short a probation. Your committee have already reported a resolution recommending the continuance of the dispensation to Marion Lodge No. —, until the next grand communication, which has been adopted by the Grand Lodge. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report was agreed to, and the committee discharged accordingly.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to affix a number to the different charters of the Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, be authorized to send a circular to the different Lodges, requesting them to transmit the date of their respective charters, to the chairman of the committee, (Brother George D. Hine, Massillon, Stark county, O.,) at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Spencer* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master, or R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in recess of the Grand Lodge, be and they are hereby empowered, at their discretion, to authorize the brethren of any such subordinate Lodges within our jurisdiction, as have suspended their labors for more than one year, and who apply therefor, to resume work, requiring such Lodge to be duly represented at the next succeeding meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Hine*, from the committee appointed to report a Constitution and By-Laws for the Grand Lodge, reported that the committee was unable to perform the duty assigned them, for want of time, and asked to be discharged. Which report was, on motion, laid on the table.

On motion of Brother *Spencer*, the report of the committee appointed to report a Constitution and By-Laws, was then taken up; when, on motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to report a Constitution and By-Laws, be continued during recess of the Grand Lodge, with instructions to report a form of Constitution and By-Laws, embodying all the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge now in force, within sixty days from the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, and have the same appended to the printed proceedings of the present grand communication: *Provided*, the said Constitution, By-Laws and edicts, shall not be in force until ratified by the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments, to wit:

G. Steinman, of Lancaster, Grand Sword Bearer.

Owen T. Reeves, of Chillicothe, and Robert Stewart, of Zanesville, Grand Pursuivants.

No further business being presented, on motion, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge do now close the present communication.

Whereupon, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was closed in ample form.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

James D. Caldwell, *Grand Secretary.*

MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE,

PREPARED BY A COMMITTEE OF

THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO

THE FRATERNITY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Lodges under its Jurisdiction:

At the late meeting of the Grand Lodge, the undersigned were appointed a committee to prepare a "*Masonic Funeral Service*," with instructions to cause the same to be appended to the printed minutes of the present grand communication.

It was the opinion of the Grand Lodge that some improvement might be made in the general proceedings usually observed at Masonic Funerals, and the committee were left at their discretion to make such alterations as to them might seem proper and correct. In submitting to you the subjoined form of Service, the committee take occasion to state that they have liberally availed themselves, in its compilation, of the several Burial Services found in our different Masonic publications.

Some portions of it may require to be varied, to meet the exigencies of particular occasions. This can readily be done by slight modifications of the text. In its general features and details, however, it will answer for all Masonic Funerals.

If a proper solemnity of demeanor be observed on such occasions, and the ceremonies be conducted by brethren of irreproachable morals, the committee believe that either one of the published Funeral Services they have examined would be productive of salutary influence upon the public, and conduce to the reputation of the Craft.

WILLIAM J. REESE,
W. B. THRALL.

November, A. L. 5840.

MASONIC FUNERAL SERVICE.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

I. No Brother can be interred with the formalities of the Order, (or participate in such formalities,) unless he has received the *Third Degree* in Masonry.

II. The Master of a Lodge being notified of the death of a Brother, and of his request to be buried with Masonic ceremonies, shall convene his Lodge and make all suitable arrangements to that effect.

III. If two or more Lodges attend, the ceremonies will be conducted by the Lodge of which the deceased was a member. In the case of a *stranger* or *sojourner*, the Master of the senior Lodge present will preside.

IV. All the brethren who walk in procession, should observe as much as possible an uniformity of dress. A proper badge of mourning around the left arm, with white gloves and aprons, are most suitable. It is enjoined to avoid all ostentatious display of Masonic costume.

V. Musicians, (if belonging to the fraternity,) will walk in procession immediately after the Tyler; if they be not Masons, they will precede him. Solemn and appropriate pieces of music only should be performed; all others are expressly interdicted.

VI. The cushion on which the Holy Bible is placed, should be covered with black; a piece of black crape should be tied around all the furniture carried in procession, around each Steward's rod, and on the musical instruments. The procession will immediately precede the corpse, and the brethren walk two and two, except such officers as, from their station, are to walk otherwise.

VII. It would be proper for each Lodge, when convenient, to have a pall of black cloth, velvet, or other suitable material, to be used on funeral occasions. On the coffin will be placed or tied a white apron.

VIII. If the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or Grand Wardens attend any funeral procession, they will take precedence, and preside over and conduct the ceremonies, unless they desire otherwise. Their place in the procession will be after the Master of the Lodge. Two Deacons, on the right and left, will attend a Grand Warden. When the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master is present, the Book of Constitutions is borne before him, a Grand Sword Bearer follows him, and the Deacons, with black rods, placed on his right and left, on a line, seven feet apart. If a Past Grand Officer appear in procession, he will be recognized with the customary respect.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Tyler, (with drawn sword.)
Stewards, (with white rods.)
Musicians, (if Masons; otherwise in advance of the Tyler.)
MARSHAL.
Master Masons.
Past Masters of the Lodge.
Senior and Junior Deacons.
Secretary and Treasurer.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
The Holy Writings, (on a Cushion, carried by the eldest member of the Lodge present.)
The Master.
Clergy.

Pall Bearers. THE BODY, WITH INSIGNIA. Pall Bearers.

THE SERVICE.

¶ The brethren being assembled at the Lodge room, or some other convenient place, the presiding officer will open the Lodge on the third degree. After having stated the object of the meeting, the service will commence—all the brethren standing:

Master. Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery. He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death. Of whom then may we seek for succor, but of THEE, O Lord, who for our sins art justly displeased?

My Brethren: Where is the man that liveth, that shall not see death?

Response by the Brethren. Man walketh in a vain shadow; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

Master. Where is now our departed brother?

Response. He dwelleth in night; he sojourneth in darkness.

Master. Can we offer any precious thing to redeem our brother?

Response. We have not a ransom. The place that once knew him shall know him no more forever.

Master. Shall his name then be lost upon the earth?

Response. We will treasure it in our memories, we will record it in our hearts.

Master. How then will it be known?

Response. It shall live in the exercise of his virtues.

Master. When our brother died, did he carry nothing away with him?

Response. He fulfilled his destiny: Naked came he into the world, and naked he has departed out of it.

Master. Hear, then, the conclusion of the whole matter: *It is* THE LORD *only that can give, and it is* THE LORD *that hath taken away.*

Response. Blessed forever be the name of THE LORD.

Master. Let us live the life of the righteous, that our last end may be like his.

Response. God is our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide and support, even through the dark valley of the shadow of death.

Master. I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me: "Write, from henceforth, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord! Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors."

¶ The Master here takes the ROLL, on which is inscribed the name and age of the deceased, and says:

ALMIGHTY FATHER! In Thy hands we leave, with humble submission, the soul of our brother.

¶ The brethren will respond *three times:*

The will of GOD *is accomplished.* So mote it be.

¶ The Master here deposits the Roll, and repeats the following, or some other suitable Prayer:

Most Great: Infinitely High and Holy: Transcendently blessed and glorious Lord our God! It is Thou who art: and besides Thee there is no God. We are Thy creatures, and the workmanship of Thy hands. We come unto Thee in our afflictions, and pour out our complaints before Thee; assured that even in Thy chastisements Thou rememberest mercy. Thou hast laid Thine hand upon us; and our Brother hast Thou removed from our midst. The place that once knew him shall know him no more forever. Have pity on us, O Lord; have pity on us! and sustain us in these Thy mysterious dealings. Draw us, O God, and we shall run after Thee. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Defend us ever with Thy heavenly grace; and prepare us daily more and more for Thy service in heaven. Dispense Thy blessing to a fallen world; and incline the hearts of the children of men to know and reverence Thee as God their Creator, Preserver, and bountiful Benefactor.

Especially under the deep solemnities of the present occasion, we implore Thy blessing upon us. Bind our hearts yet closer in the sincere ties of brotherly love and friendship. May the present instance of mortality awaken in each of us a lively consciousness of *our* approaching fate; and, by weaning our affections from things of time and sense, fix them devotedly upon Thee. Grant, we beseech Thee, that in our remaining pilgrimage towards the heavenly Jerusalem, we may experience the conscious beatitude of Thy protecting presence.

And at last, Great Parent of the Universe, when our journey of life shall be near its close; when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl shall be broken; oh! in that moment of mortal extremity, may the lamp of Thy love dispel the gloom of the dark valley; and may we each be admitted to that celestial Lodge above, where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest:—and there, in the fruition of Thy presence, amidst ineffable glories, enjoy a union with the souls of our departed friends, perfect as is the bliss reserved for the righteous, and durable as the eternity of God. *Amen. So mote it be.*

¶ [The above ceremonies may be performed either at the Lodge, the house of the deceased, or in the Church edifice, if the corpse be taken there, and religious services performed. If at the house of the deceased, the Master will take his station at the head of the coffin, which will be uncovered, the Wardens at the foot, and the Brethren around it, and commence as above described. At the conclusion the coffin will be closed. If in the Church, immediately after the benediction, the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, will place themselves as above directed, when the ceremonies will commence.]

¶ A procession will then be again formed and march to the place of interment, in the order prescribed. The members of the Lodge will form a circle around the grave. The Clergy and Officers will take their station at the head, and the Mourners at the foot, when the service will be resumed by the Master as follows:

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley, which was full of

bones, and caused me to pass by them round about: and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? and I answered, O, Lord God, thou knowest. Again he said unto me,

Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, Oh, ye dry bones, hear the words of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to come into you, and ye shall live:

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath into you, and *ye shall live;* and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied there was a noise, and behold, a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind; prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind,

Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and *they lived*, and stood up upon their feet.

My Brethren: We are again called upon by a most solemn admonition, to regard the uncertainty of human life, the immutable certainty of death, and the vanity of all earthly pursuits. Decrepitude and decay are written on every living thing. The cradle and the coffin stand in juxtaposition to each other; and it is a melancholy truth, that so soon as we begin to live, that moment also we begin to die. Weakness and imperfection are the incidents of our fallen condition; the damp, dark grave is our destiny and our doom. It is passing strange, that notwithstanding the daily mementos of mortality that cross our path; notwithstanding the funeral bell so often tolls in our ears, and the "mournful processions" go about our streets, that we will not consider our latter end, and lay it more seriously to heart, that we must ourselves go down into the silent chambers of the tomb! What an eloquent commentary is here exhibited upon the instability of every human pursuit! and how touchingly — with what deep pathos — does it echo the sad sentiment of the great preacher, who, having tested all the pleasures and fascinations of this world; having drank deep from the golden cup of its ambition, its honors, and its wealth; of its intellectual enjoyments, and its sensual gratifications; wrote from remorseful experience, and for our perpetual warning, the immortal text, "*Vanity of vanities — all is vanity!*" My Brethren, does not that warning voice come to us with most peculiar emphasis in this "valley of death"? And shall it not exercise over *our* future actions the deep and pervading influence its high Masonic source is entitled to command?

The offices that we pay to the dead are useless formalities, except as

they constitute lessons to the living. The cold marble form enclosed in the "narrow house" before you, is alike insensible to our sorrows and our ceremonies. To him it matters not whether two or three gather around the grave to perform his funeral ritual, or that hundreds have assembled, with the pomp and circumstance of worldly grandeur, to deposit him in his final resting place. It is of little moment how, or in what manner, his obsequies are performed; whether the wild winds chant his requiem, or it be accompanied with the minstrelsy of many voices. He has gone to accomplish the *material* destiny of all our race; he will return into the ground from which he was taken; and in the solemn solitude of the grave, his dust will mingle with its kindred dust.

But, my Brethren, could that inanimate form once more heave with vitality—could the rigid tongue be loosed, so that it might again articulate—oh! with a knowledge of all the fearful secrets of his mysterious journey, with what startling emphasis would he not plead with us to "prepare to meet our God!" It is infatuation—it is sorcery most fatal and delusive—that has enchanted our faculties, and drugged our better judgments; else *such* a voice would come up to us from every new-made grave.

But it is the fashion of the world, whenever this solemn subject is thrust upon it, to postpone the consideration for a "more convenient season." Pleasure, ambition, amusement and business engross our every sense. We go on from one design to another; add hope to hope; one plan of business is consummated, another plan is commenced—and thus there is laid out employment for many coming years; and it may be, that when most busy with "our farms and merchandise," at a season of all others the most unpropitious, because the most unlooked for, the pale messenger obtrudes upon us his dreadful summons, and we are hurried to our eternal audit with all our imperfections on our heads.

What, then, are all the externals of human dignity—the power of wealth, the dreams of ambition, the pride of intellect, or the charms of beauty—when Nature has paid her just debt? Fix your eyes on the last sad scene, and view humanity, stripped of its dazzling, meretricious ornaments, and you must needs be persuaded of the utter emptiness of these delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks are leveled, and all distinctions are done away. The monarch of an hundred provinces, at whose bidding nations pay obeisance, and the poor beggar that shivers at his gate, are *equals* in the house of death. The one is obliged to part with his sceptre and his crown; the other has no further use for his wallet and his rags; and both are indebted to their *Mother Earth* for a common sepulture.

It is of record in the volume of Eternal Truth, that perfection on earth can never be attained. While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our departed Brother, let us cast around his foibles, whatever

they may have been, the *broad mantle of a Mason's charity;* nor withhold from his memory the just commendation that his virtues claim at our hands. The best of created men did most grievously err; and the wisest of our race went sadly astray. Suffer, then, the apologies of human nature to plead in behalf of him who cannot any longer extenuate for himself.

Our present meeting and proceedings will have been vain and useless if they fail to incite us to serious reflections, and strengthen our resolutions for amendment. Be then persuaded, my Brethren, by the uncertainty of life, and the unsubstantial nature of all its pursuits; and postpone no longer that preparation which it is *wisdom* to provide, and *madness* to defer. Let us each embrace the present propitious moment; and *now*, while time and gracious opportunity offer, prepare for the exigencies of our latter end, when the pleasures of the world will be as poison cups to our lips, and the reflections consequent upon a well spent life alone afford us comfort and consolation. The summer is rapidly passing away; the harvest will soon be gathered, and the wailings of the lost must be the cry of all who have not then plucked the golden fruit of the Tree of Life.

Let us here resolve to maintain, with greater assiduity, the dignified character of our profession. May our *faith* be evinced in a correct moral walk and deportment; may our *hope* be bright as the glorious mysteries to be revealed hereafter; and our *charity* boundless as the wants of humanity.

And having faithfully discharged the great duties we owe to God, to our neighbor, and ourselves; when at last it shall please the GRAND MASTER of the Universe to send his *Tyler*, DEATH, to summon us into His eternal presence, may the *trestle-board* of our whole lives pass such inspection that it may be given unto each one of us to "eat of the hidden manna," and to receive the "white stone with the new name written," that will insure perpetual and unspeakable happiness in the Paradise of God.

¶ The following Invocations are then made:

Master. May we be true and faithful to each other, and may we live and die in love.

Response. So mote it be.

Master. May we profess what is good, and always act agreeably to our profession.

Response. So mote it be.

Master. May the LORD bless us and keep us; may the LORD be gracious unto us, and may all our good intentions be crowned with success.

Response. So mote it be.

Master. Glory be to GOD in the highest: on earth peace—good will towards men.

Response. So mote it be; now, henceforth, and forever. Amen.

¶ The Service is then resumed by the Master, as follows:

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me *shall never die.*

¶ Here the apron is taken from the coffin and handed to the Master, and the coffin is deposited in the earth, when the service is resumed:

Forasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise Providence, to take out of the world the soul of our deceased Brother, we therefore commit his body to the ground; earth to earth—ashes to ashes—dust to dust: looking for the general resurrection in the last day, when the earth and the sea shall give up their dead.

¶ The Secretary will then advance and deposit the ROLL in the grave with the usual forms.

Master. Friend and Brother! we bid thee a *last*, a *long* FAREWELL! Thou art at rest from thy labors; may it be in peace!

Response. So mote it be. Amen.

¶ Then may be sung, or rehearsed by the Master, the following or some other appropriate Hymn:

HYMN.

I.

Thou art gone to the grave—but we will not deplore thee,
Though sorrow and darkness encompass the tomb;
The Saviour has passed through its portals before thee,
And the lamp of His love is thy guide through the gloom.

II.

Thou art gone to the grave;—we no longer behold thee,
Nor tread the rough path of the world by thy side;
But the wide arms of mercy were spread to enfold thee,
For all men may hope since the Sinless has died.

III.

Thou art gone to the grave—but 't were wrong to deplore thee,
When God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;
He gave thee, and took thee, and soon will restore thee,
Where death has no sting, since the Saviour has died.

¶ The Service is then resumed by the Master, who, presenting the *Apron*, says:

The *Lamb Skin*, or *White Apron*, is an emblem of Innocence, and the badge of a Mason. It is more ancient than the Golden Fleece, or Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Star and Garter.

¶ The Master then deposits it in the grave, and says:

This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased Brother. We are thus reminded of the universal domination of Death. The arm of friendship cannot interpose to prevent his coming; the wealth of the world cannot purchase our release; nor will the innocence of youth, or the charms of beauty, propitiate his purpose. The mattock, the coffin, and the melancholy grave admonish us of our mortality, and that, sooner or later, these frail, weak bodies must moulder in their parent dust.

¶ The Master, holding the *Evergreen* in his hand, continues:

This *Evergreen* is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded of our high and glorious destiny beyond the "world of shadows," and that there dwells within our tabernacle of clay, an imperishable, immortal spirit, over which the grave has no dominion, and death no power.

¶ The Brethren will now move in procession around the grave, and severally drop in it the sprig of evergreen; after which the *public grand honors* are given. The Master then continues the Ceremony in the following words:

From time immemorial, it hath been the custom among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a Brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, there to deposit it with the usual formalities.

In conformity to this ancient usage, and at the request of our deceased Brother, we have assembled at this time, in the character of Masons, to offer up, before the world, the last sad tribute of our affection; and thereby to demonstrate, in the strongest possible manner, the sincerity of our past esteem for him, and our steady attachment to the principles of the Order.

We have now, with the usual Masonic ceremonies, committed the body of a Brother to its kindred dust; there to remain until the trumpet of judgment shall summon it forth. We leave him in the hands of a Being who doth all things well; who is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders.

To those of his immediate relatives and friends who are most heart-stricken at the loss we have all sustained, we have nothing of this world's consolation to offer. We can only deeply, sincerely, and most affectionately sympathize with them in their afflictive bereavement. But in the spirit of fraternity, and in accordance with Masonic teachings, we dare to say, that He who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," looks down, with infinite compassion, upon the widow and fatherless, in the hour of their desolation; and that the same benevolent Saviour, whose tears of sympathy watered the grave in Bethany, will fold the arms of His love and protection around those who put their trust and confidence in Him.

Then let us each, in our respective spheres, so improve this solemn warning of our God, that at last, when the "sheeted dead" are stirring, when the "great white throne" is set, and the volume of the record of our lives is opened, we may receive from the Omniscient, Eternal Judge, the thrilling invitation, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

¶ The Service is concluded with the following, or some other suitable Prayer:

Almighty and most merciful God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; and before whom all men must appear, to render an account for the deeds done in the body; we do most earnestly beseech Thee, as we

now surround the grave of our fallen Brother, to impress deeply upon our minds the solemnities of this day. May we ever remember that "in the midst of life we are in death;" and so live in the discharge of our respective duties here on earth, as we will desire to have done when the hour of our departure is at hand.

And oh! Gracious Father, vouchsafe us, we pray Thee, Thy divine assistance, to redeem our misspent time; and in the discharge of the duties Thou hast assigned us, in the erection of our moral edifice, may we have *wisdom* from on high to direct us; *strength* commensurate with our task to support us; and the *beauty* of holiness to render all our performances acceptable in Thy sight. And at last, when our work on earth is done, when the *mallet* of death shall call us from *our labors*, may we obtain a blessed and everlasting rest in that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

So mote it be. Amen.

¶ The procession will then return to the place whence it set out, where the necessary duties are complied with, and the Lodge is closed in the Third Degree.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

In the Town of Lancaster, October 19, A. D. 1841—A. L. 5841.

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother CASPER THIELL, Lancaster.]

THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Lancaster, on Tuesday the 19th day of October, A. D. 1841, A. L. 5841, in pursuance of their By-Laws.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Deputy Grand Master.
" " ISAAC C. COPELEN, Grand Senior Warden
" " JOHN M. BARRERE, Grand Junior Warden.
" " GEORGE MYERS, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.
" " GEORGE L. SHINNICK, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " J. JOHNSON, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Grand Tyler.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace by the M. R. Brother *Joseph A. Roof* Grand Chaplain, preparatory to opening the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney, Woollas and White.
On Credentials—Brothers Peters, Hine and Edgerly.

The committee on Credentials made the following report, to wit:

The committee on Credentials respectfully report, that upon examination of the returns and papers submitted to them, they find the following Lodges to be duly represented, viz:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	I. C. Copelen, C. F. Hanselmann.
4.	New England	John Barney, J. T. Donahoo.
5.	Amity	Adam Peters, Rob. Stewart, Geo. L. Shinnick.
6.	Scioto	James D. Caldwell.
8.	Harmony	William Hunt.
9.	Mt Zion	J. N. Burr, Jas. Huntsberry, B. F. Smith.
13.	St. Johns'	G. W. Edgerly, J. Sayre.
14.	Franklin	George Keifer.
16.	Belmont	John A. Weyer.
17.	Washington	B. F. Raleigh.
23.	Pickaway	G. C. Gephart, E. Kirkbride, J. A. Roof.
29.	Clermont Social	J. Johnson.
33.	Ebenezer	K. Porter, C. H. Streiby.
38.	Highland	J. M. Barrere, A. Lockwood, James Evans.
44.	Columbia	Charles C. Little.
45.	Steubenville	M. M. Laughlin.
46.	Miami	William See.
48.	Aurora	D. W. Pressel.

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
57.	Lancaster	G. Myers, M. Z. Kreider, James Cranmer.
60.	Canton	John Harris.
64.	Mt. Vernon	P. Benedict.
65.	New Lisbon	John Beaumont.
72.	Georgetown	John D. White.
76.	Somerset	J. Davis, T. Hood, B. Stone.
79.	Lafayette	John T. Arthur.
81.	Lafayette	O. M. Spencer.
82.	Bolivar	William Huber.
97.	Newark	S. H. Bancroft, A. D. Bigelow.
102.	Union	David Fagan.
103.	Friendship	William Noland.
103.	Clinton	A. W. M'Culley, John Shipley.
104.	Tarlton	H. S. Creal, W. B. Smith.
104.	Batavia	D. C. Bryan.
—.	Washington, Fayette county	J. S. Bereman, S. Milliken.
—.	Washington, West Carlisle	Henry Barton.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Lodges.	*Representatives.*
King Solomon's, in Perfection	R. P. Spalding, L. V. Bierce, G. P. Stephens.
Cleveland City	W. T. Mather.
Warren	Joseph H. Defrees.
Jackson	R. Stadden, J. Reynolds.
Fellowship	E. Hoffman.
Mansfield	James Smart.
Columbus	J. W. Milligan.
Union	John D. White.
Marion	John Bartram.

Making in all thirty-four chartered Lodges, and nine working under dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM PETERS,
G. D. HINE,
G. W. EDGERLY.

The committee on Credentials having reported a constitutional number of Lodges to be here represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The following standing committees were then announced by the Chair, viz

On Accounts—Brothers Harris, Arthur and S. Milliken.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Thrall, Spencer and Keifer.
On Charity—Brothers Copelen, Laughlin and Weyer.
On Grievances—Brothers Edgerly, Johnson and Hanselmann.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Barrere, Gephart and Hoffman.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Spencer, Thrall and Burr.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Myers, Hood and Spalding.
On Pay Roll—Brothers Peters, M'Culley and R. C. Davis.

The M. W. Grand Master read his annual Communication—as follows:

To the M W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

BRETHREN:—In accordance with the requisition of a resolution adopted at the last regular communication of this body, involving particular duties of the Chair, I have now the honor to present, for your consideration and action, a statement of official doings; accompanied with such general suggestions as have appeared to me to be pertinent and proper. Another year of our Masonic existence is just passing away, and it gives me great gratification to assure you, that in our own particular field of labor, an abundant harvest has been gathered and safely stored.

There has been graciously vouchsafed to us "the early and the latter rain;" and other kindred influences have combined, to develop the hidden beauty, and establish more permanently in the public estimation, the purity of the principles of the Order. Indeed, in every section of the State, wherever the sound of the speculative gavel has been heard, there has appeared, and is now exhibiting, a wonderful manifestation of interest in regard to the welfare and advancement of Masonry. This palmy state of things has undoubtedly been brought about, in a great degree, by the prudence and circumspection of the subordinate Lodges; but in an especial manner may it also be attributed to the systems of government, adopted by the Grand Lodges of the different States.

Many of these Masonic bodies seem fully to have realized a just sense of their duties

and responsibilities, and to properly appreciate that upon their doings and deliberations, are linked either for weal or for evil, the usefulness and prosperity of the crafts under their respective jurisdictions. They have begun, also, to manifest, that as they possess the attributes of sovereignty, and are supreme in their enactments and decisions, so also, they are, what they always ought to have been, the centre and fountain of Masonic light and intelligence.

Acting upon these high principles, and realising such a sense of duty, the annual convocations of these Grand bodies are distinguished for influential, dignified and intellectual proceedings. Hasty and imprudent legislation is abandoned—profound decorum and propriety characterize their sittings; and, while the combined executive, legislative and judicial functions, inseparable from their formation, are discharged in the spirit of wisdom and fraternal kindness, there is also evidenced to the attendant Crafts, that as "master workmen," they are well skilled in the hidden and peculiar mysteries of the temple. The meetings of such a body, so constituted, and so characterized, will always be regarded with peculiar veneration and respect by the fraternity.

Among those that have thus influenced the prosperity of the Order, I will be allowed to mention, as preëminent in its example, the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York.

This body, as is known to you all, lately had to contend with a domestic and painful occurrence. A schismatic and rebellious body of Masons, banded together for treasonable purposes, attempted to subvert its authority, and establish a separate and independent Masonic government, within the territory of its jurisdiction. The calm, but firm and energetic course that was pursued in this crisis of its history, has won for it golden opinions in every State of the Union. Since the occurrence, and effectual suppression of this treasonable movement, the Grand Lodge of New York has progressed with a rapid stride to the consummation of its present elevated position. It has adopted, and put into operation, a system of enlarged, practical measures, which will not only tend to the building up of its own governmental prosperity, but will bind together in the bonds of a closer and more fraternal union, all kindred and similar associations. I here particularly allude to the Representative system, which that body has within a few years past established; and from the intimate intercourse thus secured with Grand Lodges on the continent of Europe, and in the United States, is now deriving the most beneficial and happy results. One object eminently obtained by means of this friendly communion, is an enlarged correspondence, which secures the most speedy and correct Masonic Intelligence.

The minutes of the proceedings of these different Grand bodies, are parcel of the common history of the Order; they are records of the state of the Institution, and contain whatever is valuable, as rules of action, deduced from long observation and past experience. It would not, perhaps, be practicable at present, for this Grand Lodge to adopt generally, the Representative system, which has produced such happy results among our distant brethren; but it might be well to give the whole subject a careful consideration, and if approved of, to take some measures at this time, to secure such friendly relations, at least with our Masonic neighbors of the West.

Heretofore it has been the custom of the committee on "Foreign Communications," in this body, to pass over their duties informally; simply reporting the extent of that correspondence, without presenting any matters of interest therein contained, before the Grand Lodge, either for its information or action. This may have arisen in a great degree, from the shortness of our sessions, and the multiplicity of domestic business claiming the attention of the Representatives. It is to be regretted that more ample time cannot be afforded to transact the Masonic business of the State, which must necessarily become more and more extended as the Lodges increase and the Order continues to flourish. But it seems to me, that the standing committee I have mentioned, especially in the present posture of our affairs, is charged with very important duties, the faithful performance of which is essential to a correct knowledge of the Masonic

history of the times, which can only be communicated, to many of the Lodges through their report, published in the printed proceedings of this body.

So well persuaded am I, brethren, of the direct influence of this Assembly upon the subordinate Lodges of the State, and through them upon the general welfare of the fraternity, that I feel it my duty to urge upon you the adoption of every proper measure calculated to elevate its character, and extend its influence.

If we should at any time become careless and lukewarm in the discharge of our particular duties; if apathy should creep into our councils, and factious disorder characterize our sittings; if we are unskillful in the use of the instruments of our labor, unschooled in the lessons of the Lodge room, and unable to preside over the Crafts while at their mystic work, I need not tell you that the *light* which should concentrate here, in burning and blazing radiance, would neither warm with its rays, nor invigorate with its presence.

Somehow or other the impression has most strangely obtained, that the sessions of a Grand Lodge are only required for the transaction of ordinary general business, and that the qualifications for membership need not extend beyond this circumference, and some knowledge of parliamentary rules and proceedings. This singular heresy is now very properly exploded, and the required formula, in all particulars, are now rigidly enacted and performed by the different Grand Lodges, both for the purpose of instruction and for example to their subordinates. In connection with this subject, permit me to suggest, that it used to be the practice of this Grand body, at its annual communications, to require lectures to be delivered in its presence, on the several degrees, or certain formal parts of the work; and that such custom now obtains in several of the Grand Lodges of the States.

This body, you are aware, is essentially republican in its organization, all of its officers being elected by ballot, which is not contemplated in the old Constitutions of the Order; hence they provide no ceremony of installation applicable to such case. It is neither prudent nor safe to vary from these ancient and excellent regulations, in all matters which they have designated as essential. If we depart from one established form, we may, whenever convenience or inclination require, abrogate another, and thus, in the end, *all form* and symmetry might be lost sight of and forgotten, and the very design and structure of the institution become subverted and impaired. Might it not be prudent to go back again, at least within the limits that have been prescribed by our brethren of the "olden time," so far as to have prepared a form of installation for the officers of the Grand Lodge of Ohio? Such a ceremony might be made to conduce materially to the interests of the proceedings of this body.

I regret to state to you that during the past year the official *active* labors of this Chair have been very limited; and, in this particular, I fear that I have not met your just expectations; it is very certain that I have not realized my own. It was my intention to have visited generally the Lodges in this State, and I have only been deterred from doing so by personal private engagements, which could neither be postponed nor avoided. The presiding officer of the Grand Lodge should, in my opinion, maintain, when practicable, frequent official intercourse with the Lodges over which he is called to preside. He should be well acquainted with their condition — familiar with their wants — understand their various interests — and bring the influence of his high station immediately to operate upon them, whether to restrain, to encourage, or to counsel them against errors.

I have always regarded the faithful performance of these duties to be among the most important attached to this Chair; and hence I have heretofore expressed to you, and do now again reiterate my desire, that it should be filled with some brother having more leisure at his disposal, and possessing greater ability to discharge its responsible requirements.

At the last communication of the Grand Lodge, application was made by Brother Richard Stadden and others, praying for authority to establish a new Lodge at Jackson, in Licking county, which was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations. Owing to some informality in the petition, the committee reported back

the application, and it was especially referred to the official action of the Chair, during the recess. In the month of November, 1840, I received a petition from the same brethren, which was duly avouched by Newark Lodge No. 97, and was, in all other respects, formal and correct. I accordingly issued a dispensation on the 2d day of November of that year, authorizing the creation of a new Lodge at Jackson, in Licking county, by the name of Jackson Lodge No. —, and appointed the W. Brother J. M. Smith, of Newark, my proxy to organize it under the dispensation.

During the same month, application was made to me by Brothers James M. Bristow, Caleb West and others, of Piqua, in Miami county, for a new Lodge in that place. This petition was accompanied with a recommendation from the Master, Wardens and brethren of Franklin Lodge No. 14, at Troy; and being in all other respects in conformity with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, I issued a dispensation on the 17th day of November, 1840, for a new Lodge at Piqua, by the name of Warren Lodge No. —. The R. W. Brother, George Keifer, of Troy, presided at its organization as my proxy; and in his official report to me gives very satisfactory assurances of its moral and Masonic qualifications.

In the month of February, 1841, I received an application from Brothers J. W. Milligan, B. Latham, P. H. Olmsted and others, asking that a new Lodge might be established in the city of Columbus. The petition being formal and regular, I issued a dispensation on the 10th of February for the creation in that city of Columbus Lodge No. —. I presided myself at the organization of this Lodge, and was assisted in that pleasing duty by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

During the past season an opportunity occurred to me to visit Columbus Lodge, at which time I conferred the first degree in Masonry upon two applicants, and am pleased to bear testimony to the correctness and propriety which obtained, both in the manner of work, and other proceedings.

In the course of the same month an application was presented to me from a constitutional number of brethren in Akron, Summit county, asking authority to form a new Lodge in that place, which was avouched and recommended by the officers and members of Clinton Lodge No. 103, at Massillon. Believing that it would promote the interests of the Order, I issued a dispensation on the 20th of February, 1841, creating a new Lodge at Akron, by the name of King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection No. —, and appointed the R. W. Brother George D. Hine, of Massillon, to preside at its organization.

In November, 1840, I received the dispensation of Ebenezer Lodge No. —, at Wooster, returned by order of the Grand Lodge.

During the past year various communications have been addressed to me from Lodges in different parts of the State, on subjects connected principally with their particular local interests. Such as I have deemed of sufficient importance to engage the attention of the Grand Lodge, will be presented to the appropriate committee, with the papers accompanying this report.

Since the last session of this body, I have visited officially the Lodges at Zanesville, and that at Washington, in Fayette county, at which place I publicly dedicated the Lodge, and installed its officers according to Masonic usage. The address was pronounced by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master. I am gratified to add that all these Lodges appear to be prosperous and flourishing.

During the past year the Festivals of the Baptist and Evangelist have been more numerously celebrated in public, in this State, than usual. While this fact affords a demonstration that there is an increased interest elicited on Masonic subjects, it might, perhaps, constitute a subject worthy of inquiry, whether an indiscriminate and too frequent resort to public exhibitions, is not productive of positive harm. Lamentable consequences have been the result of this course in some of the States, especially in the large Atlantic cities; so much so, as to induce the Grand Lodges to inhibit public festival processions entirely, without express sanction. I do not by any means propose to you such a proposition as this, for the action of the Grand Lodge; but simply to bring the subject to your notice, for such counsel and advice as you shall deem meet and proper, for the observance of the Lodges under this jurisdiction. It would, I think,

however, be well to prohibit in express terms, any Lodge under dispensation from such public celebration, without proper consent having been first obtained. In some instances I have considered it my duty, when advised in time, to issue such prohibition.

At the last session of this Grand Lodge, I invited the attention of the representatives to a proposition from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, suggesting a General Convention of delegates from the different Grand Lodges of the United States, to meet in the city of Washington on the first Monday of March, 1842, to deliberate upon matters conducive to the general interest and security of the Craft. This subject was then referred to a special committee, who recommended that no final action should be had upon it until the present grand communication, to enable the subordinate Lodges to consider upon the proposition, and give to it an expression of their opinion. Of course this subject will again be taken up, and receive from you some action definite in its character, at this session.

There is perhaps no one subject which has induced more just and general complaints, than the want of uniformity that now exists in the work of different Lodges in the several States, being not only variant in minor matters, but totally dissimilar in essential particulars.

This radical defect is now receiving the serious consideration of some of our Grand Lodges, and wholesome measures have been adopted to remedy it. The same difficulty still exists in this State, but not to so great an extent as formerly. The duties of the Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the last two years especially, have been laborious and almost incessant. It were unnecessary for me to state to you a fact, which you are all so well apprised of, that his untiring and able exertions have essentially conduced to the prosperity which is now so apparent among our Lodges. The labors of that officer are, however, now becoming burdensome, and the calls for his services will be more frequent, as the wants of the fraternity increase.

It is suggested whether some provision should not be made to have each call faithfully responded to; which might be done by authorizing the Grand Lecturer, at his discretion, to instruct and commission one or more deputies to assist him when necessary, in the very important and responsible duties of his station.

It may be proper to say to you that I have received, during the last few months, the prospectuses of several Masonic newspapers and magazines, which have either recently been, or are soon about to be established. Some of these periodicals aim at a high intellectual standard; and being conducted by brethren of enlarged information and talent, cannot but be eminently useful, both as a means of diffusing interesting Masonic intelligence, and of elevating the Masonic character. I mention these matters, not so much for the direct action of the Grand Lodge, as the presentation of an interesting fact; although, if, upon examination, any one of the proposed publications should be particularly approved of, and meet with the expressed approbation of this body, it would undoubtedly have great weight in recommending it to the favorable consideration of the fraternity of Ohio.

At the last session of this body, the Grand Master, in conjunction with the building committee on the new Grand Lodge Hall, were authorized to adopt such plan as they should consider best, to procure by subscription or donation the necessary funds to progress with the building, and the committee were instructed to proceed in the erection of the Hall as soon as practicable. As there did not exist any necessity for the use of funds beyond those that had already been provided by the Grand Lodge, the authority vested was not exercised. During the approaching year, however, means will be wanted, and a vigorous effort should then be made to procure them.

The report of the committee on the building will furnish you in detail their proceedings for the past year; the progress they have made, the contracts entered into, and their particular views upon financial and other matters connected with their duties.

You are all aware that this building, so long a desideratum with our Order, has at last been commenced. On yesterday, in your presence, and before the Fraternity of Ohio, the head stone of the corner was adjusted to its place in the foundation, with solemn Masonic ceremonies. The occasion was one of singular interest, both because

of its present influence and its prospective operations. I so considered it, and in order that the Craftsmen of the State might demonstrate by their presence the important event it created in our annals, I appointed a time when it would be most convenient for the representatives of the Lodges to assemble together, and accordingly addressed to them a circular, requesting a meeting of the Grand Lodge in this place, on Monday, the 18th inst. I also directed a general notice to be published, and extended special invitations to a number of the neighboring Lodges.

It was with me, Brethren, a matter of solicitude, that this important undertaking of the Fraternity of Ohio, should, in its actual commencement, be conducted not only according to strict Masonic usage, but that every proper effort should be adopted to make it conduce to the reputation and respectability of the ancient Craft. How far the influence of that effort has been successful, either in its inception or its completion, upon the welfare of the Order, remains to be tested. The seeds have been committed to the earth, and I think we have some reason to indulge the hope that they will vegetate, and spring up, and ripen to the harvest. At all events, I feel that I have only discharged my duty in having called you together to witness and participate in the public ceremonies of the occasion.

Upon the foundation that we have laid, there will, by your exertions and your influence, arise a Masonic edifice—simple, massive and enduring—classic in architectural design, and majestic in all of its proportions—one that will stand out and indicate to future time, either the onward and progressive advancement, or the rapid deterioration among us, of the most venerable institution in existence. It is a sad thing to picture such an alternative as this, even in imagination. If the members of our Order were only loyal and true—just to themselves, and just to their professions—a catastrophe so melancholy in its consequences could never happen while time and the world endure. There might, indeed, occasionally arise a period when clouds would gather upon our distant horizon, and they might even sweep around us in their blackness, and break into a storm; but such would prove a blessing rather than a curse—the moral atmosphere would be purged and purified, and the deadly miasma scattered and destroyed.

I feel, Brethren, that I am now touching upon matters not properly, perhaps, connected with this communication; but I would, before my present official connection with you is entirely dissolved, take advantage of this last opportunity, to express the solemn conviction, that upon each one of us there is resting a deep obligation to exert, in an especial manner, whatever we have of talent and of influence, to advance and elevate, within our respective spheres, the standard of the character of the Order. We know that its principles are pure, and good, and true, and therefore eternal; and that they can only be impugned as they are shadowed forth in the public actions of the Fraternity.

It has appeared to me that more strenuous efforts should be made than in times past to exercise the intellectual capabilities of the Order. Within the mystic circle of Masonry, there lies entrenched the whole range of natural sciences. They are part and parcel of it—its very essence and vitality—and surely there can be no valid reason why they should not be more pointedly recognized in the work and labor of our Lodge rooms. If it were practicable for every Lodge in the State to have its library of useful and practical books, and its hours of labor interspersed with essays and discussions upon those sciences which every Craftsman is bound to be acquainted with, I am persuaded that the cobwebs and dust would vanish from many a deserted hall, and that interested and zealous members would be enticed back again to their vacant seats.

Ours is confessedly a benevolent institution—its design is to administer to the wants of the destitute and forlorn. Its great end, the promotion of human happiness. As such, it is a most beneficent conception, and it fulfills a beautiful destiny in the accomplishment of results like these. But would it not still be in the path of legitimate duty to assume a loftier stand, and to take upon itself yet broader responsibilities? To join hand in hand, and march shoulder to shoulder, with other philanthropic associations; and by its influence, its exertions, and its means, coöperate with them to bring about the fruition of the social, intellectual and moral happiness of man? It would then be

God-like within the range of its glorious latitude—unfettered and unstipendiary—the parallel of its exalted usefulness only circumscribed by the parallel of its universality.

I trust, my Brethren, as we have witnessed the dawning of a period of "marvelous light," that all of our deliberations, and all of our doings, may be so ordered and regulated as to accelerate the coming in of the "full and perfect day" of Masonry.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

LANCASTER, October 19, 1841.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a select committee of five members, to designate the several appropriate committees to which its subject matters shall be referred.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed the following named brethren said committee—Brothers Thrall, Barrere, Hanselmann, Leidy and Shinnick.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

OCTOBER 19, 1841—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present as before.

Brother *Thrall*, from the select committee appointed at the forenoon session, submitted the following report, which was unanimously agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, with instructions to designate the appropriate committees to whom the several subject matters of said communication shall be referred, have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of said communication as refers to the granting of dispensations, be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations:—

That so much as refers to the *Representative System* among Grand Lodges, be referred to a select committee of three members:—

That so much as refers to the propriety of preparing a formula to be observed at the installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge, be referred to a select committee of three members:—

That so much as alludes to the public observance of Masonic Festivals, be referred to a select committee of three members:—

That so much as relates to the proposed convention of delegates from the different Grand Lodges of the United States, at the City of Washington, in March next, be referred to the standing committee on Foreign Communications:—

That so much as refers to a uniform system of work among the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, be referred to a select committee of three members:—

That so much as refers to the public ceremonies observed at the recent laying of the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Hall, be referred to a select committee of three members.

W. B. THRALL,
J. M. BARRERE,
C. F. HANSELMANN,
JOHN LEIDY,
GEO. L. SHINNICK.

The following select committees were then appointed upon the subjects referred to in the communication of the M. W. Grand Master, viz:

Relating to the Representative System—Brothers Harris, Hine and Isaac W. Davis.

Relating to a form of Installation for Grand Officers—Brothers Berreman, Smart and Sayre.

Relating to Masonic Festivals—Brothers Spalding, Hunt and Porter.

Relating to duties of Grand Lecturer—Brothers Huntsberry, Kirkbride and Stewart.

Relating to the Laying of the Corner Stone—Brothers Copelen, Gephart and Benedict.

The M. W. Grand Master, from the committee appointed at the last

communication of the Grand Lodge, to prepare a Masonic Funeral Service, read the following report; which, at his suggestion, was laid upon the table:

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, to compile a "Masonic Funeral Service," with instructions to have the same appended to the printed minutes of that session, respectfully report, that in compliance with the duty enjoined upon them, they prepared a Funeral Service which was appended to, and circulated with the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The committee regret very much that more leisure had not been allowed them for the preparation that the subject required; the very little time that was devoted to it, was snatched at intervals from other pressing and personal engagements. They feel that it is due to themselves to make this explanation, as the result of their labor is much more crude and jejune than it ought to have been.*

A Funeral Service, under any circumstances, is a solemn and impressive thing, both because of the sad reality it presents, and the melancholy associations it awakens. A *Masonic Funeral*, conducted according to the usages of the Order, never fails to produce upon the public mind, impressions either favorable or hostile to the Fraternity. The character of its influence is positive, and is either for good or for evil. As it is one of those ceremonies that we are called upon most frequently to exhibit before the public gaze, it should for that reason, independent of other considerations, be conducted with the most perfect propriety and decorum. The committee believe that the Order has been often grossly scandalized by brethren of profligate habits officiating on such occasions. In such hands the ceremony becomes a desecration of sacred things, and shocking to the moral sense of any community.

It is impossible to prepare a Ritual for the Dead, without having reference to serious and sacred things; they spring out of the subject itself, and are inseparably connected with it. In the Funeral Service which the committee were obliged so hastily to arrange, they did not feel justified to depart from a custom which civilized and enlightened reason has in all ages approved and adopted. It does not pretend to aim at originality of thought or sentiment, being, in fact, a compilation from the different services found in our Charts and Monitors, with such addenda and modifications as were conceived to be proper.

They candidly think the "Masonic Funeral Service" they have published, susceptible of much improvement; and it was, and still is to them a subject of regret, that it could not have been submitted for the direct action of this body, before it was given publicly to the Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. Reese,
W. B. Thrall.

October 19, 1841.

On motion of Brother *Laughlin*, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its last annual grand communication, be dispensed with.

Brother *Laughlin* asked and obtained leave to present a communication from Steubenville Lodge No. 45, which was referred to the committee on Foreign Communications.

Brother *Thrall* offered the following as an amendment of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and asked that the same be placed upon the minutes,

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* This *Funeral Service*, having passed through several editions, the Committee have availed themselves of the opportunity thus afforded, to make such slight modifications of language as their taste suggested and their judgment approved; preserving, however, the general integrity of the text.—Committee.

and lay over until the next annual grand communication for consideration, which was ordered:

Resolved, That so much of the 11th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, as requires, at the opening of a grand communication, "that the proceedings of the last grand communication shall be read," be and the same is hereby abrogated.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 20, 1841.

The Grand Lodge met according to adjournment.

Brother *Harris* presented the jewels, charters and papers collected by Brother John Sala, under a resolution adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, which, together with his report, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The M. W. Grand Master, in behalf of the building committee on the Grand Lodge Hall, submitted and read their report, as follows:

The committee appointed to superintend the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall in the town of Lancaster, respectfully report: That in conformity with the instructions given them, at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, they have put some portions of the building under contract, upon which the workmen have commenced operations. It will be proper here to state that the committee did not feel at liberty to avail themselves of the latitude given them, to make any alterations whatever, either in the size or the structure of the building. The only reason that could have induced them to depart from the original design and plans of the architect, would have been on the score of economy alone, by making the building a source of revenue to the Grand Lodge, in the way of rents.

They felt a great repugnance to hazard the risk of destroying the symmetry of the original plan for an object entirely mercenary, and which, after all, could not be a matter of any serious moment to the Grand Lodge. The building to be erected will be permanent and durable in its structure. It is intended to stand for many coming years — long after those who have founded it shall have passed away from existence. The committee indeed felt that it would be almost a desecration of the character of the Order, as it would certainly be an insult to the fraternity of this State, to place, for one moment, their honor and their liberality at issue, in an undertaking like this, with the mere consideration of dollars and cents. They believe that when the Grand Lodge resolved to build a Hall in this place, wherein to hold their future sittings, it was fully determined to put up such an edifice as would be regarded in after times as a monument of the respectability, the influence and the liberality of the Craft. Acting under such impressions, the committee have commenced the work committed to their hands.

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge, there has been paid to Mr. Jacob Green, of Lancaster, $1000, on account for the purchase of the lots, which makes the total sum of $2000 paid for this purpose, leaving still due $800 and the interest.

The following accounts have also been paid by the committee, viz:

Aaron Benedum, for curbing	$41 75
Nelson Coates, for grading	15 00
George Myers, for filling lots	20 80
Lynch & Gainey, for excavations	68 50
Creed & Percival for printing	5 00
Blair & Kinkead	19 00
Add paid Jacob Green	1000 00
Total	$1170 00

which will make an aggregate of $1170, paid during the year. All of the above sum was received from Brother George Myers, Grand Treasurer, out of the funds authorized to be loaned to the Grand Lodge Hall fund, at the last grand communication.

The committee have contracted with Messrs. Blair & Kinkead, stone masons, to put in the rough foundation wall, at $3.40 per perch. The stone requires to be got out in large blocks, and laid with the greatest possible care. The contract price is considered reasonable.

As it would be totally impracticable for any one member of the committee to devote that time and attention to the building which prudence ought to require, they have appointed Brother Daniel Sifford, of Lancaster, the Superintendent, at a fixed annual salary. Brother Sifford is a practical and experienced workman, familiar with all the details of building operations, and therefore fully competent to manage the trust confided to him. Such an appointment is not only absolutely necessary, but will very much conduce to economy, while at the same time it will guard every part of the work from being slighted, or unskillfully performed. The committee think it a matter of felicitation that they have been able to avail themselves of the services of a Superintendent so competent to the duties, as Brother Sifford.

During the present season, it is expected that the entire foundation of the building will be laid. Next year the basement story, and part of the portico, ought to be put up. As this will all be constructed of smooth dressed stone, the labor required upon it will be extensive, and it will be proper to give to this work the advantage of as much time as practicable, in order permanently to settle to its place. During the same year all the lumber should be got in readiness, the frames, etc., constructed, and the brick made. Another year will be required to put the building under roof; and a third will be requisite to finish it.

The committee are of opinion that the entire building can be completed at from $5000 to $7000 less than the original estimated cost, which would make the aggregate not to exceed $30,000, inclusive of the purchase of the lots — a sum inconsiderable indeed, when the beneficial advantages to be derived from its expenditure are taken into consideration. It is believed, that in the course of the coming season, if a proper and vigorous effort were made throughout the State, and the Lodges and brethren were taught fully to appreciate the duty and responsibility resting upon them to redeem the pledge this body deliberately put forth to the world, the desired means would readily be obtained. The committee therefore respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge to adopt some plan to secure the necessary funds. Five thousand dollars, it is estimated, will be wanted during the coming year. If $8000 could be had, that amount could be advantageously expended.

The committee do not consider it necessary to say anything in regard to the Masonic public ceremonies which took place on the 18th instant, further than that they most heartily concurred with the Grand Master in the propriety of causing the "corner stone" to be laid in the presence of the Grand Lodge, and before the fraternity of the State. They believe, with him, the occasion demanded that the Crafts should be called together, to witness the commencement of a work that must unquestionably exercise hereafter a most important influence upon the destinies of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. Reese,
Wm. B. Thrall,
Isaac C. Copelen,
Robert Stewart.

On motion of Brother *Spalding*, the report was referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Brother *Mather*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the proceedings of Cleveland City Lodge be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations; and if approved, that the dispensation heretofore granted be continued until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master read the following report of official doings for the past year, viz:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The undersigned respectfully reports: That since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, he has issued two letters of dispensation to subordinate Lodges, to wit: — To Mansfield Lodge No. 35, on the 28th day of April last, on written application of a competent number of brethren of said Lodge, and the payment of the sum of twelve dollars and thirty-seven and a half cents, ($12.37½,) to be applied for the payment of arrearages of dues of said Lodge to the Grand Lodge, for the years 1838, 1839, and 1840. *Also,* to Brothers Clifford Belden, Andrew White, Willard Crawford, Edw. Clark, Aaron Barker, Rufus Dunham, B. Crawford, H. Eldrige, J. F. Benedict, and their associates, on the 13th day of September, A. D. 1841, for a new Lodge, to be denominated Cleveland City Lodge No. —, on the application of said brethren, and the recommendation of King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection, Akron, and on the payment of the sum of forty dollars, the fees for said dispensation.

The payment of the aforesaid dues and fees is evidenced by the receipts of the Grand Secretary, herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

W. B. Thrall, *Deputy Grand Master.*

On motion, the report was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Stadden* presented the jewels of Ohio Lodge, which were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Grand Treasurer* made the following report, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

The undersigned, in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, authorizing the sale of certain Bank stocks, respectfully reports: That he has sold and disposed of four shares of the capital stock of the Clinton Bank of Columbus, at $100 per share ..... $ 400 00

Also, ten shares of the capital stock of the Franklin Bank of Columbus, at $100 per share 1000 00

The stock belonging to the Grand Lodge in the Bank of Chillicothe, could not be disposed of at par, consequently is still on hand. This stock is not now yielding any dividends, and is therefore entirely unproductive.

The above sum of $1,400, was placed on the books of the Grand Treasurer, subject to the order of the building committee of the Grand Lodge Hall, as directed.

Respectfully submitted,

George Myers, *Grand Treasurer.*

Brother *Bereman*, from the select committee on that part of the communication of the Grand Master which relates to a form of Installation for the officers of the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee apointed yesterday on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to the form of Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to report: That in the opinion of the committee, there need be no argument adduced to show the propriety, and, indeed, the necessity of a proper form to be observed at the annual installation of the officers of this body. Similar bodies, as well as subordinate Lodges, have appropriate ceremonies on like occasions; and the committee cannot but express their regret that the matter has been neglected thus long. The forms used in the subordinate Lodges are inappropriate, for the plain reason that offices exist here that do not there; and to omit altogether a custom so long and beneficially established, would, we conceive, be at-

tended with the most injurious consequences. With the view, therefore, of having the forms drawn up, upon mature deliberation we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to prepare a *Form of Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge*, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary at as early a day as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Bereman,
James Smart,
John Sayre.

The Chair appointed on the committee to prepare a form of Installation, Brothers Spencer, Thrall and Barney.

On motion of Brother *Spencer*, the M. W. Grand Master was added to said committee.

Brother *Raleigh* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will proceed to elect its officers for the ensuing year, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

On motion of Brother *Bierce*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to the establishment of Libraries, and the introduction of Lectures and Essays upon the arts and science, into the several Lodges of this State, be referred to a select committee of three, to report thereon.

The Chair appointed Brothers Bierce, Gillespie and Little said committee.

Brother *Barrere*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Unfinished Business report: That upon examining the minutes of the Grand Lodge at the last communication, they find the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Tarlton Lodge No. 104, have until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge to pay its dues to the Grand Lodge, and that the loan of jewels to said Lodge be continued for the same space of time.

The committee have been informed that said Lodge is at present laboring under a heavy debt incurred in the erection of a Hall for the use of said Lodge, and therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That Tarlton Lodge No. 104, have until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge to return the jewels, and that the dues of said Lodge to the Grand Lodge for the year 1840 be remitted.

J. M. Barrere,
Geo. C. Gephart,
E. Hoffman.

Brother *Spalding*, from the select committee on that part of the communication of the Grand Master which relates to Masonic Festivals, submitted the following report, which was unanimously agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to the public observance of Masonic Festivals, report: That, however much it may have been in accordance with Masonic usage to honor the natal days of our Patron Saints, by observing them as Festivals, all past experience has demonstrated the truth of the proposition that "*an indiscriminate and too frequent resort to public exhibitions* is productive of positive harm" to our ancient Institution. The reasons are obvious — In the first place, familiarity with an object, almost universally lessens our respect for that object. When the "Brethren of the mystic tie" first leave the sacred retreats of their Order, clothed in their beautiful habiliments, and

decorated with their appropriate jewels and ornaments, curiosity is awakened, and the wondering multitude are insensibly ruled by emotions of a serious nature. Let this intercourse with the world become habitual, however, and with those who are in darkness, our "*instructive implements*" are but as "*children's toys.*" Levity prevails, and ridicule is poured upon our devoted heads. Again, the frequent convocation of individuals into masses, has the strongest tendency to make war upon that "cardinal virtue," *Temperance.*

"Lead us not into temptation," is the pathetic supplication of many a Brother whose strength has given way amidst the exhilarating scenes of a Masonic Festival.

Nevertheless, your committee are not prepared to propose an absolute rule for the government of subordinate Lodges in this respect, saving only those under dispensation, and, consequently, lacking the "wisdom of experience." The chartered Lodges have an undoubted right to the exercise of a sound discretion in this matter, subject only to the recommendation of the Grand Lodge that their public processions and exhibitions be not made with so much frequency as to become matters of familiar import, and that they be conducted, in all instances, by Brethren of well established skill and long-tried experience in the principles of the craft.

Your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it shall not be lawful for any Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, while working under a dispensation only, to make a public celebration of any Masonic occasion whatever, unless the consent of the M. W. Grand Master, or (in his absence) of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, shall for that purpose be first had and obtained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. P. Spalding,
Wm. Hunt,
K. Porter.

The jewels of the Hudson Lodge were presented and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Harris*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, having carefully inspected the Books and Vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectfully report the condition of the funds of the Grand Lodge to be as follows, to wit:

George Myers, Grand Treasurer, in account with Grand Lodge,

		Dr.
1840, Oct. 22,	To balance as per settlement	$302 02
" " "	Amount from Grand Secretary	786 00
" " "	Cash of M. W. Grand Master, for dispensation of Washington Lodge No. —	40 00
1841, Jan. 15,	" Dividend of Franklin Bank, Columbus	30 00
" " "	" Bank of Chillicothe	18 00
" Oct. 12,	" Cash of M. W. Grand Master, for dispensation of Jackson Lodge No. —	40 00
" " "	" " " Columbus Lodge No. —	40 00
" " "	" " " Warren Lodge No. —	40 00
" " "	" " " King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection	40 00
		$1,336 02
1841, Oct. 20,	To balance on hand	$197 02

Contra.

		Cr.
1840, Oct. 22,	By cash per Pay Roll	$649 36
" "	Bill of Printing paid	36 25
" "	Cash refunded Ebenezer Lodge	40 00
" "	paid Geo. W. Claspill, Grand Tyler	20 00
" "	" Bro. John Barney, Grand Lecturer	20 00
" "	" Bro. J. A. Roof, Grand Chaplain	15 00
" "	" Bro. J. D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary	106 00
" "	" Myers, Fall & Collins' account	17 50
" "	" Hopkins & Symonds "	20 70

1840, Oct. 22,	By paid J. L. Tuthill account	16 14
" " "	Myers, Fall & Collins "	20 80
" " "	A. Benadum "	11 75
" " "	L. J. Mœller, printing "	72 38
1841, Oct. 12, " "	Sundry orders vouched by the M. W. Grand Master	92 50
" 20,	Balance on hand	197 64
		$1,336 02

George Myers, Grand Treasurer, in account with fund loaned to Grand Lodge Hall,

		Dr.
1840, Oct. 23,	To cash of O. M. Spencer	$ 4 00
" Nov. 15, "	Proceeds of 4 shares Clinton Bank stock	400 00
" " 25, " "	5 shares Franklin " "	500 00
1841, Jan. 15, " "	5 " " " "	500 00
" Oct. 20, "	Amount to balance	59 09
		$1,463 09

Contra.

		Cr.
1840, Nov. 20,	By paid building committee's orders—viz:	
" " "	A. Benedum, curbing	$30 00
" " "	Taxes on lots	15 09
" Dec. 3, "	Jacob Green, purchase money for lots	500 00
" Jan. 4, "	M. Z. Kreider's account	18 00
" " 25, "	Jaoob Green, purchase money	500 00
" March 8, "	Amount transferred to committee	400 00
Total		$1,463 09
1840, Oct. 20,	By amount overpaid	$59 09

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN HARRIS,
JOHN T. ARTHUR,
SAMUEL MILLIKAN.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

OCTOBER 20, 1841—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in the Chair.

The following resolution was offered for consideration and disagreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed from the different points of the compass, to make a nomination for the Grand Officers to be elected this afternoon, and that said committee report forthwith.

On motion of Brother *Mc Culley*, the following resolution was submitted for consideration, and was disagreed to:

Resolved, That the several officers to be elected by the Grand Lodge, shall be put in nomination by their respective friends, prior to going into the election.

The M. W. Grand Master was announced, and was received with appropriate ceremonies.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations have bestowed upon the several subject matters referred to them all that attention which the multiplicity of the subjects and their very limited time would admit.

They find that the action had by the presiding officers of the Grand Lodge, in the matter of granting letters of dispensation during recess of the Grand Lodge, has been

such as, in the opinion of your committee, is contemplated by the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and should therefore meet its approbation.

The committee have examined the By-Laws and record of proceedings of the several Lodges working under dispensation, and have discovered some improprieties in certain provisions of some of the By-Laws, which should be corrected. As for instance, the By-Laws of *Mansfield Lodge* do not require that the vote on the application of candidates for the degrees, shall be *by ballot*, though the record of the proceedings of said Lodge show that this ancient and essential principle of the Order has not been departed from by them in practice. The matter is deemed of sufficient importance by the committee to recommend that it be incorporated as a fundamental article in their By-Laws. Another provision of the By-Laws of said Lodge is, that a motion may be withdrawn by the member making *or seconding* it. Under the operation of this rule, a brother has but to *second* a motion to place it within his power effectually to frustrate its object and design; an absurdity so glaring, as to require only to be stated, to insure its prompt correction.

The By-Laws of *Warren Lodge* No. —, at Piqua, (Sec. 1, Art. 4,) contain matter which the committee deem inconsistent with the *universality* of our venerable Order. It is therefore recommended that said section be so amended as to read as follows:

"No person shall be admitted or remain a member of this Lodge who is in the habit of cursing or swearing, or who taketh God's holy name in vain. Neither shall any person be admitted or remain a member of this Lodge, who indulges in an intemperate use of intoxicating drinks."

The By-Laws of *Jackson Lodge* No. —, at Jacksontown, appear susceptible of a loose construction; and the committee recommend that said Lodge be advised so to amend Sec. 2, of Art. 8, as that petitions for initiation shall be received *only* at the regular stated meetings, except in cases of great emergency, and that said petitions (except as aforesaid,) shall lie upon the table for consideration until the succeeding communication of the Lodge.

The same looseness of practice seems to have obtained in the reception of candidates for initiation, in *King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection*, at Akron; and the committee recommend the same modification as is suggested in the case of *Jackson Lodge*.

The revised By-Laws of *Friendship Lodge* No. 103, held in Dresden, have been examined, and the committee are of opinion that Sec. 4, Art. 8, is inconsistent with the Constitutions of the Order and the sanctity of the ballot-box. The committee suggest that said Lodge be directed to amend said section by striking out the provision authorizing the negative to be called upon in case of ballot for initiation, "for their objections"—and which authorizes the reception of a candidate for the degrees, even against the vote of a dissenting brother.

The petition and recommendation of Brother John A. Weyer, and his associates, for a dispensation for a new Lodge, to be called *Moriah Lodge* No. —, at Jacobsburg, Belmont county, appear to be in proper form, except that it does not appear from the papers that either of the petitioners is of the degree of Past Master; which your committee deem an indispensable pre-requisite to the issuing of a dispensation.

The application for a charter on behalf of *Union Lodge* No. —, at Ripley, Brown county, appears to be in proper form, and in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

The By-Laws and record of Columbus Lodge No. —, at Columbus, appear to be in proper form, except in the matter of precipitancy in the reception of petitions and conferring the first degree.

The committee have observed, by an examination of the records of *nearly all* the Lodges working under a dispensation, such precipitancy in the reception of candidates for the first degree; and a too loose practice in the matter of keeping the Lodge open from day to day, for the reception of petitions for the benefits of our Order, to escape their *marked animadversion*. One of the most important duties which a Lodge owes to itself and to the Grand Lodge, is that of *caution* in the admission of candidates to a participation in the rites and benefits of the Order. And, consequently, the Grand

Lodge has adopted, as a fundamental rule for the government of subordinate Lodges, that such applications "shall lay over at least from one regular meeting to another, unless three-fourths of the members present decide the application to be a case of emergency." It is the opinion of the committee that the requisite care cannot be observed in the admission of candidates, without a rigid adherence to the rule which requires such applications to be filed at *regular* meetings only.

The committee recommend that charters be granted to Union Lodge No. —, Ripley, Brown county; Mansfield Lodge No. —, Mansfield; Marion Lodge No. —, Marion; Warren Lodge No. —, Piqua; Columbus Lodge No. —, Columbus; Jackson Lodge No. —, Jacksontown; King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection No. —, Akron. And that a dispensation be granted to Brothers John A. Weyer, and his associates, for a new Lodge at Jacobsburg, Belmont county, on the production of satisfactory evidence that at least one of the petitioners is of the degree of Past Master. And that the dispensation granted to Cleveland City Lodge No. —, be continued until the next annual communication.

Resolved, That the several Lodges to whose By-Laws modifications have been suggested in this report, be required to produce to the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge evidence that these recommendations have been adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Thrall,
O. M. Spencer,
Geo. Keifer.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year—Brothers Harris and Peters acting as tellers—when, upon counting the ballots, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. William James Reese, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. William B. Thrall, Circleville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Isaac C. Copelen, Cincinnati, Grand Senior Warden.
" " John M. Barrere, New Market, Grand Junior Warden.
" " George Myers, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " James D. Caldwell, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.
" " George Keifer, Troy, Miami county, Grand Marshal.
" " Oliver M. Spencer, Cincinnati, Grand Orator.
" " George L. Shinnick, Zanesville, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " John Johnston, Williamsburg, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Joseph A. Roof, Circleville, Grand Chaplain.
" " George W. Claspill, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.
" " John Barney, Worthington, Grand Lecturer.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Thursday Morning, October 21, 1841.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Harris*, from the select committee appointed on that part of the communication of the Grand Master which referred to the representative system, introduced the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee on so much of the communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the representative system, have had the same under consideration, and report: That from the brief period allowed your committee to examine the subject, and the limited means within their reach, of judging of its utility, they find it impossible, during the present sitting of the Grand Lodge, to make a report in detail.

From the knowledge your committee have been enabled to gather on the subject, they have no hesitation in reporting that they are favorably inclined to adopt the plan recommended by the M. W. Grand Master; and in order that the subject may have that full consideration and mature deliberation that its importance demands, they report for adoption the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That so much of the communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the representative system, be referred to a select committee of three to examine the same, and report to the Grand Lodge at its next regular communication.

JOHN HARRIS,
G. D. HINE,
ISAAC DAVIS.

The Chair appointed Brothers Harris, Spalding and Hine the select committee recommended in the above report.

On motion of Brother *Barrere*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge loan one set of jewels to Marion Lodge No. —, until the next annual grand communication.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations further report, that they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and record of proceedings of Fellowship Lodge No. —, held at New Paris—all of which are in proper form. The committee are constrained, however, to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the fact that Fellowship Lodge has fallen into the dangerous error which appears to beset nearly all new Lodges, arising, doubtless, in some measure, from a want of consideration on the part of the members, but chiefly from an overweening desire to increase its numbers and replenish its finances. We allude to the practice of considering ordinary cases as instances of *emergency*—and proceeding with almost indecent haste, to communicate to applicants the mystic treasures of the Order. In two instances, we note that individuals were initiated *and passed* on the same evenings on which their petitions were presented!—and that, too, at *special* meetings! This is a cheapening of the moral dignity of the Order, well calculated to sink it into ridicule and contempt. Your committee suggest, whether it ought not to be made a part of the duty of the Grand Lecturer, during his visits to the chartered Lodges, to examine their records, and see if a like irregularity obtains in their proceedings; and if so, that he be required to report the fact to the Grand Lodge, that it may interpose its authority to restrain. The animadversions of the committee are not designed exclusively for Fellowship Lodge, but as well for all other Lodges in which like looseness of practice prevails, as for this particular Lodge. The committee, trusting that Fellowship Lodge, being admonished of its irregularity, will correct its practice in this particular, are induced to recommend that a charter be granted to said Lodge.

Among the papers referred to the committee, was a *Letter of Inquiry* from a subordinate Lodge, for information as to whether a subordinate Lodge, after having pronounced sentence of expulsion upon a Brother, and reported such expulsion to the Grand Lodge, may rightfully restore such expelled person to his former Masonic standing? The committee entertain no doubt of the rightful authority of a Lodge thus circumstanced, to restore a returning Brother, at its discretion, to his wonted standing in the Masonic circle, whether before or after his expulsion shall have been officially made known to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge should be satisfied, however, that the cause which induced the expulsion is removed, and see that no irregularity attend the restoration, as to time, notice, or other circumstance.

The *jewels* of four Lodges which have discontinued labor, viz:—Ohio Lodge, of Columbus; Hudson Lodge, at Hudson; St. Jerome's Lodge, at Willoughby, (accompanied with its charter,) and of one other Lodge, whose name is unknown to the committee, we report back, and recommend that they be safely deposited in the archives of

the Grand Lodge, subject to such further order as it may be pleased hereafter to make on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Thrall,
O. M. Spencer,
Geo. Keifer.

The select committee upon that part of the communication of the Grand Master which had reference to a uniform mode of work, and the duties of the Grand Lecturer, made the following report, which, on motion, was agreed to:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to a uniform mode of work in the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and the duties of the Grand Lecturer, report, that they have had the same under consideration, and respectfully offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer have the authority to appoint, at his discretion, one Deputy Grand Lecturer, to aid him in the discharge of his duties during the ensuing year; and that it be recommended to the subordinate Lodges to adopt the form of work that shall be taught by said Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Brother *Myers*, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge loan one set of jewels to Columbus Lodge No. —, for the period of one year.

On motion, the report of the committee on the Masonic Funeral Service, was taken up and referred to a select committee of three members.

The Chair appointed Brothers Hood, Leidy and Peters said committee.

On motion of Brother *Spalding*, it was

Resolved, That the jewels returned to the Grand Lodge by King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection, at Akron, as having been received from Hudson Lodge No. —, at Hudson, be again loaned to said first mentioned Lodge until the next grand communication.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*, the sum of fifteen dollars was allowed to the Grand Tyler, in full, for his services at the present session.

On motion of Brother *Bierce*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the bands of music, and to the choir, who assisted in the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Hall.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to petition the Legislature, at the coming session, for an act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Bierce, Bartram and Harris said committee.

Brother *Spalding*, from the committee on Ways and Means, submitted a report, which was amended and agreed to, as follows:

The committee on Ways and Means respectfully report, that upon examination, they find the funds of the Grand Lodge, at the present time, to consist of the following items, to wit:

Cash in the Treasury	$197 64
Six shares of stock in the Bank of Chillicothe (cost)	600 00

This last item is not now available, as the stock cannot be sold for more than eighty cents on the dollar, at which price it is deemed inexpedient to dispose of it, as the presumption is that its par value may eventually be realized.

From the report of the building committee of the Grand Lodge Hall, it appears that from five to eight thousand dollars will be wanted during the current year for said building. For this sum, (say eight thousand dollars,) provision is to be made, and it

has occasioned your committee no little perplexity of mind to ascertain the most feasible course to be pursued. Upon mature consideration of the whole subject, they have come to the conclusion to recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient, forthwith, to set about the creation of a fund to be denominated "The Grand Lodge Hall Fund," which shall be applied to no other purpose than the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall, already commenced in the town of Lancaster.

2. That the M. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby constituted the agent of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of visiting, in person, the several Lodges in this State, and soliciting from the members of the fraternity, and others interested in the success of our efforts, donations in aid of said fund, and that he be allowed the payment of all his personal expenses whilst engaged in the discharge of said duties, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

3. That the Master and Wardens of each subordinate Lodge in Ohio be constituted a committee to solicit and receive donations in aid of said fund, and it is hereby made their duty to report to the Grand Treasurer the amount by them collected once in each quarter, (commencing on the first day of January, A. D. 1842,) and to hold the same subject to his order.

4. That until otherwise ordered, each subordinate Lodge be required to return to the Grand Lodge, as annual dues, in aid of said fund, one dollar for each initiation, and fifty cents for each member, in addition to the dues heretofore exacted.

5. That the utmost circumspection be observed in making donations by the Grand Lodge, and that no further dues of subordinate Lodges be remitted by the Grand Lodge until said Grand Lodge Hall shall be fully completed and finished.

6. That the several subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge be and they are hereby authorized to require of Masons within their respective jurisdictions, who are not members of a Lodge, the payment of one dollar each, per annum, for the term of three years, which sums such Lodges shall forward with their annual returns, in aid of the Grand Lodge Hall fund.

7. That the Grand Secretary be required to cause two hundred copies of this report and resolutions accompanying the same, to be printed without delay, and to forward two copies thereof to each subordinate Lodge, prior to the 15th day of November next.

All which is respectfully submitted.

George Myers,
Thomas Hood,
R. P. Spalding.

Brother *Hine*, from the committee appointed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, to affix numbers to the subordinate Lodges, presented his report; which was fully discussed, and finally ordered to lie on the table until the next annual grand communication.

Brother *Bierce*, from the select committee to whom was referred that part of the communication of the Grand Master which relates to the establishment of libraries, etc., submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the establishment of libraries, and the introduction of lectures and essays upon the arts and sciences, into the several Lodges in this State, respectfully report, that they believe the time has arrived when the increasing intelligence of the age and the just expectations of an enlightened public require at our hands something more than the practice of social and charitable duties. Intelligence is the characteristic of the age. Through the thousand channels of intercommunication mind is diffused throughout community, and the thoughts of to-day, in an embodied form, are in the hands of the world to-morrow. Research and inquiry have become the distinguishing traits of the human mind; and that society is retrograding in the general course of intelligence, and in the object of its existence, that starts not in the race of knowledge and the onward march of intellect.

Shall Masonry, then, remain stationary amid the general advancement of intellectual associations? Shall we be content to sit down, after discharging the duties of charity and benevolence? Has not the intellect of man a claim upon us as strong as the body,

however distressed or miserable that may be? Shall charity be confined to ministering to man's physical wants, and his mental existence be left in a state of destitution?

Your committee believe the intellectual capabilities of man, and more especially of the brethren, require, at our hands, an effort for their development, commensurate with the general advancement of the age. And where can that effort be more effectually made than in the Lodge room? There is the symbolic representation of the arts and sciences; and there is shadowed forth the various orders of architecture. They constitute part and parcel of Masonry.

And shall that which is so intimately connected with our institution as to become its very essence and vitality, be neglected? or shall those instructions form a part of the work and labors of the Lodge, which will render every brother not only a technical and speculative, but an intelligent and scientific Mason?

But one answer, your committee believe, can be given; and that is, that our intellectual culture should be coëxtensive with our institution; and that by means of a library of useful and practical books attached to each Lodge, and by devoting a portion of the hours of labor to lectures and essays on those sciences with which every craftsman is bound to be acquainted, our Order would obtain a rank for intellect unsurpassed by any other association — alike honorable to the brethren as individuals, and to Masonry as a body.

By mutual exchanges of such lectures among the members of different Lodges, acquaintances would be formed — friendships cemented — a uniformity of work established — and our moral and charitable edifice would be enlightened by the rays of science.

Your committee therefore report the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to take measures to supply themselves with libraries of useful and practical books; and that, as often as practicable, they introduce into their meetings, lectures and essays upon the various arts and sciences.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Lucius V. Bierce,
William Gillespie,
Charles C. Little.

Brother *Gephart*, from the select committee to whom that part of the communication of the Grand Master which relates to the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Hall was referred, made the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously agreed to, viz:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Hall, at Lancaster, on Monday, the 18th of October, A. L. 5841, respectfully report: That in their opinion, the M. W. Grand Master, in calling together the Grand Lodge, and causing the corner stone of their Hall to be laid in the presence of the fraternity of the State, has fully met the expectations of the members of the Grand Lodge. The ceremonies were particularly interesting, and the committee believe that it would gratify the Lodges, and the public generally, to have them printed, and circulated with the minutes of the present grand communication. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary be a committee to request for publication, copies of all the addresses and prayers that were made and delivered; and that they cause them, together with the different ceremonies and proceedings, in detail, that were observed on the 18th instant, to be printed, appended to, and circulated with the minutes of the present grand communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac C. Copelen,
Geo. C. Gephart,
Platt Benedict.

On motion of Brother *Barrere*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge closes the present annual communication, it will adjourn to meet in Lancaster, on the Monday succeeding the second Tuesday of October, 1842.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That hereafter the Grand Lodge, in granting charters, shall commence, in numbering the same, with the lowest number of those Lodges whose charters have been forfeited or surrendered.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect. The M. W. Grand Master conducted the ceremonies; after which the several officers took their appropriate stations in the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Weyer* offered the following resolution for consideration, viz:

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the By-Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge be printed for the use of, and distributed among the subordinate Lodges of the State.

Brother *Raleigh* proposed the following as an amendment, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause 500 copies of the proceedings of this grand communication to be printed, and that he send to each delegate in attendance one copy; to each subordinate Lodge six copies; and one copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States.

Pending the discussion, on motion of Brother *Leidy*, the whole subject was referred to a select committee to report thereon, and the Chair appointed Brothers Leidy, Raleigh and Weyer said committee.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Leidy*, from the select committee on the printing of the minutes, etc., of the present communication, submitted the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution for printing the By-Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the proceedings of the grand communication, report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause 400 copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be printed, together with the Constitution, edicts and By-Laws appended thereto, and send to each subordinate Lodge three copies, to each representative one copy, and one copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States, as soon as practicable.

JOHN LEIDY,
B. F. RALEIGH,
JOHN A. WEYER.

Brother *Hood*, from the select committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on the Funeral Service, made the following report, which was unanimously agreed to, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee appointed at the last regular communication of the Grand Lodge, to prepare a Masonic Burial Service, now report: That they have had the same under consideration, and offer for adoption the following resolutions, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge approve of said Burial Service, and recommend its adoption by the subordinate Lodges on all proper occasions.

2. That the copies of said Burial Service not heretofore distributed, remain in the hands of the Grand Secretary, to be distributed among the several subordinate Lodges of this State, upon their order, and payment of the cost of printing.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOMAS HOOD,
JOHN LEIDY,
ADAM PETERS.

Brother *Copelen*, from the committee on Charity, made report as follows:

The standing committee on Charity respectfully represent, that no claims have been presented to them for appropriations out of the funds of the Grand Lodge; and not being aware of any duties requiring their action or attention, they ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC C. COPELEN,
JOHN A. WEYER,
M. M. LAUGHLIN.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed one hundred and twenty dollars, in full for his services for the past year.

Brother *Edgerley*, from the committee on Grievances, submitted the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee on Grievances beg leave to report, that nothing has been presented requiring action from them. They therefore ask to be discharged.

G. W. EDGERLEY,
J. JOHNSTON,
C. F. HANSELMANN.

Brother *Peters*, from the committee appointed to prepare a Pay Roll, reported: [Amount $823.]

Brother *Spencer*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously agreed to:

The committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report: That they have received and examined communications from the Grand Lodges of Virginia, New Jersey, Massachusetts, New York, Kentucky, Georgia, Rhode Island, Maryland, Tennessee, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama and Florida, in the United States, and of Texas; containing the published minutes of those several bodies for the past year; from which they are gratified to perceive that the Order of Masonry is everywhere in a highly flourishing and prosperous condition. In those States where the storm of prejudice and error seems to have spent its principal force, threatening an entire overthrow of the institution, has Masonry again set up her altars of peace, love, and unity, freely inviting all who are worthy to come and minister at her sanctuary, without the fear of opposition, or reproach of shame.

Your committee find nothing in said correspondence calling for the special consideration of this body, except a proposition from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, (referred to in the proceedings of our last annual communication,) recommending the appointment of one delegate by each of the Grand Lodges of the United States, to form a Convention at Washington City, on the first Monday of March next, for the purpose of insuring uniformity of work and proceedings in the several subordinate Lodges under their respective jurisdictions, and a resolution from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, requesting the opinion of the several Grand Lodges in fellowship with them, regarding the propriety of allowing subordinate Lodges to transact any regular business other than conferment of degrees, and lecture thereon, in any degree inferior to that of the Master's degree. In regard to the latter proposition, your committee believe the whole matter to be within the exclusive control and sound discretion of the subordinate Lodge, and not a subject of constitutional regulation by the Grand Lodge. They doubt not it

would be found safer, if not highly beneficial, to transact the usual business of the Lodge in the third degree — the more especially as none but Master Masons are considered members of the Lodge entitled to all its privileges and prerogatives, and permitted to participate in its action. Yet they know of no rule of propriety which imperatively requires any such a course.

Upon the former of said propositions, your committee in the language of a report upon the same subject, presented at our last annual communication, "entertain no doubt that an early and permanent provision for securing and maintaining an uniform system of work throughout the United States, is highly essential to the welfare of the fraternity. But believe there is a great and just repugnance in our subordinate Lodges to any enlargement of our present Constitution, whereby their control over the subject of Masonry shall be surrendered up or removed to a greater distance from them; and especially to the organization of a new body, which may ultimately *assume to itself* the entire control of the Institution."

Your committee further believe, that a free interchange of opinion on this important subject, between the several Grand Lodges, would lead to results highly beneficial to the stability of the Order. In view, therefore, of the great importance of this subject, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do proceed forthwith to appoint, by ballot or otherwise, a Delegate, with discretionary power to represent this Grand Lodge in all things at a convention to be held in Washington City, on the first Monday of March next, for the purpose of determining upon a uniform mode of work throughout all the Lodges in the United States, and to make other lawful regulations for the security and interest of the Craft. *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to bind this Grand Lodge, by the act of said Representative, without their subsequent ratification.

All which is respectfully submitted,

O. M. Spencer,
W. B. Thrall,
Jona. N. Burr.

The Grand Lodge appointed the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Delegate to represent them in said Convention.

On motion of Brother *See*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be allowed to Brother John Barney, Grand Lecturer, for his services at the present grand communication.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments, to wit:

Brother John A. Weyer, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers G. W. Stevens, John Bartram, Grand Pursuivants.

Brother *Spencer*, from the committee appointed at the last communication, to prepare a Constitution for, and revise the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, made a verbal report, setting forth the difficulties and embarrassments that met the committee in the discharge of their duties.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the committee were continued, and time was extended to them until the next annual communication, to bring in their report.

No further business being presented, after solemn prayer by M. R. Grand Chaplain, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ohio was closed in ample form.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest,

James D. Caldwell, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

In the Town of Lancaster, October 17, A. D. 1842—A. L. 5842.

M. W. William J. Reese, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother Jason Case, Circleville.]

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Lancaster, on Monday the 17th day of October, A. D. 1842, A. L. 5842, in pursuance of their By-Laws, to transact the annual Masonic business of the jurisdiction.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. William J. Reese, Grand Master.
R. W. George D. Hine, Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
" " William B. Hubbard, Grand Senior Warden *pro tem.*
" " John M. Barrere, Grand Junior Warden.
" " George Myers, Grand Treasurer.
" " James D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.
" " George L. Shinnick, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " A. D. Bigelow, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " George W. Claspill, Grand Tyler.

Also in attendance tbe Representatives from the subordinate Lodges of the state.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace by the M. R. Brother *Robert McMurdy*, Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*, preparatory to opening the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney, Herrencourt and McMurdy.
On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Keifer and B. F. Smith.

On motion of Brother *Myers*, the Lodge took a recess, until this afternoon at two o'clock.

MONDAY, Oct. 17, 2 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met as per adjournment, the M. W. Grand Master in the chair.

Brother *Keifer* submitted the following report, viz:

The committee on Credentials respectfully report, that upon examination of the returns and papers submitted to them, they find the following Lodges duly represented, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	C. F. Hanselmann.
4.	New England	John Barney, J. T. Donahoo.
5.	Amity	R. Stewart, Geo. L. Shinnick.
6.	Scioto	James D. Caldwell.
9.	Mt Zion	B. F. Smith, Thos. Winne.
13.	St. Johns'	J. Sayre.
14.	Franklin	George Keifer, R. McMurdy, Th. Jay.
16.	Belmont	Eli Wells.
17.	Washington	Thos. Reed.
23.	Pickaway	Geo. C. Gephart, Jos. A Roof.
26.	Lebanon	L. S. Ingersol.
32.	Moriah	John A. Weyer.
33.	Ebenezer	Kimball Porter.
35.	Mansfield	R. W. McNeily, Wm. Hatfield
37.	Chardon	David T. Breese.
38.	Highland	J. M. Barrere.
45.	Steubenville	J. M. Mason.
46.	Miami	David T. Disney.
48.	Aurora	Benjamin Work.
55.	Eastern Star	Absalom Death.
57.	Lancaster	G. Myers, J. Cranmer, G. W. Claspill.
61.	Bethel	A. K. Sargent.
72.	Georgetown	John T. Smiley.
76.	Somerset	T. Hood, J. W. Davis.
79.	Lafayette	Geo. D. Palmer.
81.	Lafayette	B. F. Raleigh.
86.	Centre	A. Connel.
97.	Newark	A. D. Bigelow.
103.	Friendship	C. F. Currier.
—.	Jackson	Ingraham Reynolds.
—.	Columbus	W. B. Hubbard, Geo. M. Herrencourt.
—.	Marion	John Bartram.
—.	Washington	Samuel Millikan.
—.	Fellowship	Demas Shaw.
—.	Warren	Jonas Ward.

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Lodges.	*Representatives.*
Hiram	N. Benjamin.
Cleveland City	Henry H. Dodge.
New Salem	M. D. Brock, R. Buffington.
Wilmington	Levi Gustin.
Leesburg	Alexander Gustman.
Wadsworth & Seville	Nathaniel Eastman.
Moriah	John A. Weyer.
Sandusky	Chas. F. Dresbach.
Temple	Joseph Cook.
Paramuthia	N. Root.

Making in all Thirty-five chartered Lodges, and ten working under dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. D. CALDWELL,
GEO. KEIFER,
BENJ. F. SMITH.

The committee on Credentials having reported a constitutional number of subordinate Lodges to be here represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO duly opened for the despatch of business.

The following standing committees were then announced by the chair, viz:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney, Herrencourt and McMurdy.
On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Keifer and B. F. Smith.
On Accounts—Brothers Shinnick, Hanselmann and Sayer.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Thrall, Hine and Keifer.
On Charity—Brothers Raleigh, Porter and Ingersol.
On Grievances—Brothers Bigelow, Benjamin and Millikan.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Dodge, Barrere and Cranmer.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Hubbard, Disney and Clary.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Hood, Gephart and Sanford.
To Prepare Pay Roll—Brothers Myers, Davis and Sargent.

The M. W. Grand Master read his Annual Communication, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

BRETHREN: — We have been permitted to assemble together again, under circumstances of continued prosperity, to transact the annual Masonic business of the State; and it will not be deemed irrelevant, to make the occasion expressive of our gratitude for the signal blessing vouchsafed to the Institution in Ohio. While almost every other association has been shaken with fierce and turbulent excitements; stimulating to excess, and rending the ties of social relationship, there has been manifested a most auspicious and remarkable calm, within our own borders. Masonry has been suffered quietly, yet progressively, to plant among our people her altars of peace and fraternity, and to exercise in an eminent degree her legitimate conservative influence. Within the limits of this jurisdiction, it would seem that the day of domestic trouble and disquietude has entirely passed away. On every side there is presented to our gaze a cloudless horizon and a sunny sky, so that there is nothing now wanting but the exercise of firmness and circumspection among the Lodges, to realize all the high benefits that belong to our organization. While I am happy in stating such to be the result in our own Masonic field of labor, it affords me great pleasure to assure you that in our sister states the evidence of general healthfulness, and governmental prosperity are strikingly witnessed. Many kindred causes have coöperated to bring about this palmy condition of things; among these I am inclined to place a very high estimate upon the influence exerted by the Grand Lodges of the Union. These elevated bodies have learned fully to appreciate the extent and magnitude of their responsibilities to the craft. Sovereign within their own geographical limits, and in possession of the highest attributes of power, they have so administered that power, as to insure the venerable land marks of the order from violation, and build up upon the broadest bases, the associated welfare of their members.

Having first been taught by experience the necessity there was to respect themselves in the position they occupy; they have since, by wise, prudent, but at the same time fearless legislation, won the respect, the confidence and attachment of their subordinates.

And so it will always be. Just in proportion as our Grand Lodges meet every required responsibility, and discharge every duty they owe to themselves and to the craft, will the interests of Masonry be advanced or deteriorated. The Union existing between the common head and the subordinate Lodges, is so intimate and inseparable, that whatever affects its stability must operate upon their immediate decline. It is to them what the sun is to the system, the centre of light, and heat and vitality. I have lately had occasion to believe that in some of our Lodges the relation of the subordinate to the principal is but imperfectly understood. The organization of this body is essentially republican; each Lodge in the state is equally entitled to be represented in its deliberations, and therefore its voice, whether in the enactment of a law, the passage of a resolution, an order, an assessment, or an appropriation from its funds, is the united, concentrated voice of all the Lodges who compose it. When uttered, it becomes the supreme Masonic law, within its jurisdiction, and exacts implicit obedience from all. This is a fundamental axiom, and as such should be distinctly understood by the fraternity.

Since our last session, I have received sundry petitions, properly avouched and recommended, praying for the establishment of new Lodges. In compliance therewith, I have issued eight dispensations, to wit:

1841, Nov. 15. Dispensation for Wilmington Lodge, at Wilmington, Clinton county.
1842, Jan. 6. Dispensation for Sandusky Lodge, at Tiffin, Seneca county.
" March 2. Dispensation for Hiram Lodge, at West Alexandria, Preble county.
" " 5 Dispensation for Temple Lodge, at Harpersfield, Ashtabula county.
" May 27. Dispensation for Chardon Lodge, at Chardon, Geauga county.
" " " Dispensation for New Salem Lodge, at New Salem, Fairfield county.
" June 23. Dispensation for Paramuthia Lodge, at Athens, Athens county.
" July 1. Dispensation for Seville Lodge, at Seville, Medina county.

It will be seen that three of these new Lodges have been established in that section of the State which was so bitterly scathed by the Anti-Masonic storm, some years since; and I take great pleasure in presenting the fact to you as one of the most signal and gratifying evidences of the onward prosperity of the Order. The records of this Grand Lodge show that in no portion of Ohio was the institution more flourishing in all necessary essentials in former days than in the northern part; and with what reluctance our brethren there felt compelled, by the stress of an intolerant excitement, to surrender their distinctive privileges and organization as Masons.

That cause ceasing to operate, there will doubtless be again manifested to the world the same loyal attachment to Masonic principles, and I now entertain no doubt, that the time will soon appear when the institution will be more popular in Northern Ohio than it ever has been heretofore, and that its latter days will be to it, Masonically, the days of its most excellent prosperity. In connection with this subject, I will be allowed to express the high gratification I received from an official visit to the Lodge at Cleveland. In point of number, and the respectability of its members—their zeal, mode of government, and system of work—it is, considering the limited period of its existence, second to none in the State. Three years ago, it was supposed that insurmountable difficulties were in the way of any Masonic organization in the city of Cleveland; and I adduce the fact of the present palmy condition of things there, rather as one of general Masonic interest, than as an invidious exhibition of sectional superiority, as the same remarks will also apply, with strict propriety, to the Lodges at Akron and Massillon.

All of the dispensated Lodges, as far as I have been advised, have conducted with prudence and propriety. I presided in person, at the organization of the one in Seville, in Medina county; and from the age and experience of the brethren composing this body, I deduce the strongest guaranty of its usefulness and prosperity.

In June last, I received an urgent application from the brethren at Lebanon, in Warren county, for authority to resume their Masonic labors, which had been pretermitted for some time previous. This is the second application of similar import, made from that Lodge, within the past five years. I am not aware of the particular causes which have operated as an estoppel to their work heretofore; but as this place was once the seat of Masonic light and information, and composed within its list of members some distinguished names of our Order, I considered it my duty to afford the brethren there another opportunity to regain their former standing and respectability; and accordingly, on the 16th day of June last, authorized the Lodge at Lebanon again to proceed to work, *without fee;* requiring them to be represented at this communication—to discharge all their grand dues, and have here present a copy of their By-Laws and a faithful record of their proceedings, for your examination and action.

From information which has reached me, there is reason to believe that some Lodges whose charters were forfeit, have proceeded, without any authority, to their accustomed Masonic business. It may be that this has been the result of ignorance. At all events, giving to such proceedings the most favorable interpretation, it will be necessary for the Grand Lodge to step in and *heal* their illegal and unconstitutional doings. It will therefore be proper that an inquiry should be had into these cases, and provision, adequate to their respective exigency, be made at the present session.

During the month of September last, two applications were presented to me for the erection of new Lodges—one at Maumee City, and the other at Toledo, in Lucas county. Both being informal, they were returned to the petitioners. They will, I suppose, be presented in constitutional form at the present grand communication for the action of the Grand Lodge.

At your last session, I was honored with the appointment of delegate to represent this body in Convention of Grand Lodges, which assembled at the city of Washington in March last, pursuant to the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama. I regret to state, that in consequence of extreme physical debility, under which I was then laboring, the result of a serious attack of sickness, I was unable to discharge this

pleasing duty; and I the more regret it, as the resolution conferring upon me the appointment did not provide for an alternative delegate.

I have received the journal of that Convention, from which it appears that delegates were present at Washington on Monday, the 7th day of March last, from the Grand Lodges of Maryland, Massachusetts, Alabama, New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Virginia, South Carolina and the District if Columbia. The Convention was organized by the appointment of the R. W. CHARLES GILMAN, of Maryland, as Chairman, and the R. W. JOHN DOVE, of Virginia, and JAMES LAURENSON, of the District of Columbia, Secretaries. In consequence of the absence of delegates from most of the Lodges of the South and West, the Convention did not enter fully into all the general matters contemplated from their organization. The principal and most important object, that was anticipated as the result of their labors, was to establish "a uniform mode of work throughout the Union." This most interesting subject received the careful consideration of the Convention. A judicious report was adopted recommending "that each Grand Lodge in the United States appoint one or more skillful brethren, to be styled Grand Lecturers, who shall meet and agree upon the course of instruction necessary and proper to be imparted to the Lodges and the Fraternity in their several jurisdictions; and that they be required to convene at some central place, at least once in three years, to compare their lectures, and correct variations." In case this recommendation is approved by a majority of the Grand Lodges, the Convention advise that the first meeting of the Grand Lecturers be held in the city of Baltimore, on the second Monday in May, 1843. As this Grand Lodge has always recognized such an appointment, it only remains to determine whether the occasion is of sufficient importance for you to commission that officer to attend the contemplated meeting at Baltimore. My own opinions upon this subject have been expressed to the Grand Lodge so pointedly heretofore that it would be almost supererogation to press them again upon you. The fact is undisputed, that the Lodges under our different Masonic jurisdictions have not only introduced systems of variant work, but in some instances have fallen into lamentable errors and departures from the *ancient land-marks.*

In our own State, the difficulty complained of has, within the last few years, been greatly obviated through the exertions of the present Grand Lecturer, whose intelligence, capacity and promptitude, in attention to the duties of an arduous office, have left but little room for amendment, in securing uniformity of work among the Lodges of Ohio. There is no doubt, however, that his system, excellent as it is, may itself be the subject of improvement; and even if this were not the case, is it not a duty which this body owes to kindred associations, to coöperate with them in securing uniformity and perfection in the work among all the Lodges of the Union? It appears to me that the recommendation of the Convention at Washington contains the only feasible plan to secure this desirable attainment, and I therefore suggest to you the propriety to authorize and commission the Grand Lecturer of Ohio to meet similar officers from other Grand Lodges, on the second Monday of May, 1843, in Baltimore.

During the sitting of the Convention, a report was received and confirmed upon several distinct propositions of general Masonic interest. As this report expresses the deliberate opinion of a very intelligent and elevated body of our Order, upon certain rules of action for the government of the fraternity, it is of course entitled to much consideration and respect, and I feel that I cannot better discharge the duty required of this chair than by making this report a part of the annual address. The committee say:

"That they regard the paternal intercourse of the members of our institution among the most valuable privileges of the Order, which ought to be encouraged, and at the same time guarded by all the means within the ample powers of the Grand Lodges of this Union. Free, social Masonic association, protected by pure principles, and the sacred ties of brotherhood, is calculated to expand the kindest sentiments of humanity, to extend the sphere of usefulness of a member far beyond the little circle of his daily walks and duties, and to promote the sweet charities of life among all those who can with confidence prefer his claim as a brother, or is ready to acknowledge that relationship. To promote and extend the fellowship and acquaintance of brethren, residing not only in neighboring States, but also in regions as far from each other as the East is from the West, various means have been sug-

gested to your committee; the most prominent of which is the representative system adopted by some of our Grand Lodges. This system your committee recommend to the Convention.

"As an additional safeguard against the abuse of Masonic privileges by the unworthy, some of whom are constantly prowling through the land, and deriving a support from the charity of the institution to which they are a disgrace, your committee recommend that the Grand Lodges advise, if they do not deem it necessary to require their Lodges to demand certificates of the good standing of brethren who are strangers; which certificate should emanate from the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction from which they hail. These certificates will not only shield the institution from the undeserving, but will furnish the orphans and widows of deceased brethren the best evidence of their claims upon the fraternity.

"The committee have been informed that there is a reprehensible practice of receiving promissory notes for the fee for conferring the degrees. This practice is known to some of your committee to have produced unhappy influences. Its inevitable effect is to degrade the institution, and it ought to be prohibited.

"The impropriety of transacting Masonic business in Lodges below the degree of Master Mason, except such as appertains to the conferring the inferior degrees, and the instruction therein, is a subject which has been recently presented to the consideration of the Grand Lodges of the United States, by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri, and in the opinion of the committee ought to be adopted. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are not members of Lodges, nor are they entitled to the franchises of members. To prevent, therefore the possibility of any interference in, or knowledge of the transactions of the Lodge, the confining all business to the Master Masons' Lodges will be found most advantageous, and undoubtedly is the only correct course of practice.

"In the intercourse of your committee with the fraternity of several of the States, they find that great diversity of opinion and practice has obtained in relation to their delinquent members. Some Grand Lodges authorize expulsion from all the rights of Masonry, after a fixed time; others suspend a brother until his dues are paid, whilst others maintain, practically, that suspension from a Lodge, for non-payment of dues, only disfranchises the delinquent in that particular Lodge, but leaves him at liberty to join any other Lodge, and even to visit the Lodge which has disfrannhised him of membership. Your committee are of opinion that uniform legislation in this respect, in the States, is essential to the well being of the fraternity. It is not to be supposed that a Lodge will deprive a worthy brother of his Masonic privileges, who is disabled by poverty from contributing to the funds of his Lodge; but unfaithfulness and willful neglect are equally injurious, and after a limited time it should be known to all that suspension will follow until the debt is paid, or for cause shown remitted.

"Suspension is the highest penalty known to be inflicted for the non-payment of dues; and as the effect of this penalty appears to have been misunderstood by some, to the extent of rendering it convenient to the delinquent rather than a punishment, in that he enjoys most of the privileges, while he sustains none of the burdens of Masonry, your committee feel bound to declare, that the term *suspension* is a deprivation fer the time being of all Masonic privileges."

It will be seen by this report that the Convention have expressed their deliberate opinion upon five distinct subjects, viz:

1. The representative system.
2. Upon the necessity of issuing Grand Lodge certificates.
3. Upon the practice of receiving promissory notes for conferring the several degrees.
4. Upon the impropriety of transacting general Masonic business in Lodges, below the degree of Master Mason.
5. Upon the grade of penalty to be inflicted for the non-payment of dues.

To each of these points I propose very briefly to invite your attention, with reference to the present action of the Grand Lodge.

The representative system, as you are aware, is one of a series of enlarged measures adopted and put into successful operation by the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, by which the most intimate and friendly relations have been established between it and the Grand Lodges of the United States and of Europe. At the last communication of this Grand Lodge, I invited the attention of the members to this subject, and recommended that some definite action should then be had upon it.

The committee to whom it was referred expressed in general terms their approbation of the plan, but in order that full and mature deliberation might be had thereon, recommended that the subject should be referred to a select committee of three, to examine the same, and report at the present grand communication. A detailed report may therefore be expected at the present time, and the subject will doubtless receive from

you that attention which the high respectability of the Masonic body with whom it originated entitles it to command.

This body has not, as yet, adopted any plan for issuing Grand Lodge certificates, perhaps for the reason that the necessity for such a precautionary measure has not been so urgent within this jurisdiction as in other States. Most of our Lodges are exempt from frequent itinerant demands upon their charity funds; yet those located upon the great thoroughfares of travel have been seriously annoyed from such sources. I mean, by those persons who make use of their Masonic privileges to supply the wants consequent upon dissipation and idleness. If other Grand Lodges shall refuse to entertain from strangers any applications for charity, or for admission to the Lodge rooms without a Grand Lodge certificate, it will become a matter of imperative necessity to make the rule universal in its operation. Wherever it has been tested it has resulted in producing beneficial results, not only as a source of legitimate revenue, but as a protection to the fraternity against the impostor and the unworthy.

The very reprehensible practice of receiving promissory notes for conferring the degrees of Masonry, so pointedly rebuked by the Convention, was positively interdicted by this Grand Lodge at an early period of its history.

"No subordinate Lodge shall hereafter take notes of hand for fees, or grant any time of credit therefor," is its emphatic language on this subject. This rule, it will be perceived, is most positive in its enactment, and yet there is reason to apprehend that, in many instances, it has been totally disregarded.

In a recent communication made by the R. W. Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of New York, it is stated "that four hundred Lodges under that jurisdiction, during the anti-Masonic tornado, had surrendered or allowed their charters to become forfeited, and that the chief cause of this destruction had been brought to light by the discovery of large amounts of promissory notes in their chests, which had been received for fees and dues, and that when the money was required the drawers found it more convenient and popular to renounce Masonry, than to redeem their promises."

This is a startling fact, and it ought to avail, both as a lesson and a warning in all time to come. It is true that the "anti-Masonic tornado" alluded to has died away, and the bitterness of that fierce excitement has been quelled, as we trust forever, and that therefore the same *popular* inducements for a renunciation of Masonry will not soon again occur; but still the evil complained of must continue, while it exists, to affect the stability and welfare of our institution. It works injustice to the applicant as well as to the Lodge. If a candidate for our "ancient mysteries" cannot afford to spare from his present means the amount requisite for his initiatory fees, it is infinitely better that he should wait "a time with patience," than imprudently come under obligations which may be inconvenient for him, when called upon, to discharge.

I consider this subject of sufficient importance to engage the serious attention of the Grand Lodge, and as the existing rule has not been found adequate to put down the evil it has sought to remedy, I would respectfully suggest that you authorize the proper officers of this body, upon receiving satisfactory evidence of its violation, to suspend such delinquent Lodge until the action of the Grand Lodge can be had thereon, at its next regular communication.

At the last session, the committee on Foreign Communications of this body incidentally expressed the opinion "that it would be found safe, if not highly beneficial, to transact the usual business of the Lodge in the third degree." As this subject has generally elicited the attention of the Grand Lodges of the Union, and been made the cause of legislative enactment, it would be well that some positive expression should be had from you upon it, at the present time. In all matters of *general regulation* it is desirable to insure as much uniformity as possible, and as no valid reason can be urged why the recommendation of the Convention upon this matter should not be sanctioned by all of our Grand Lodges, I would suggest that such rule be adopted for the government of the Lodges under this jurisdiction.

Perhaps no object of general import has obtained a less uniform action among the fraternity than the grade of Masonic censure inflicted for the non-payment of dues.

This Grand Lodge has always recognized the right of each subordinate Lodge in Ohio, to demand of their members such dues as each shall deem just and expedient, and to enforce the payment of the same, by sentence of suspension or expulsion, leaving, however, forever, the whole matter to the discretion of the subordinate Lodges.

At first view it may seem a harsh procedure to place the offense of non-payment of dues upon a level, in its grade of punishment, with the perpetration of actual guilt, and so it unquestionably would be when the offense is not the result of willful neglect, or a contumacious violation of Masonic duty. The instance does not occur to me, and I very much doubt whether it ever has happened, where a Lodge has insisted upon the payment of dues from a member who was unable from misfortune or poverty to do so; and I cannot withhold the expression of opinion that, under all other circumstances, when this positive duty is not punctually performed, it involves the commission of a high Masonic offense, not only striking at the existence of our association, but being in direct violation of constitutional obligations. I have good cause to believe that our Lodges require to be enlightened upon this subject, and that the actual nature of the offense alluded to, and its direct consequences, should be plainly set forth before them. My own sense of propriety would incline to take broad ground upon this question, for I hold it to be the duty of every Mason to contribute to the support of the charity fund of some Lodge, whether he be an attending member or not; but beyond all cavil does it become his duty to do so when his Lodge, by reason of his membership, is amenable to the Grand Lodge for the payment of his capitation tax; and I hesitate not to pronounce that Lodge guilty of a gross breach of duty, whose members are permitted, year after year, to continue in arrears, without being made the subject of Masonic discipline. I have witnessed such melancholy evidences of decline among some of our Lodges on this account, that it seems to be necessary some fixed, uniform and permanent rule should be adopted in regard to it. I therefore recommend that this whole subject receive your careful consideration, and that the grades of offense be distinctly defined, with the measure of punishment, with such other enactments as you shall deem proper, for the uniform observance of our Lodges hereafter.

At the Convention of Delegates to which I have alluded, credentials were presented by a Brother from the "Grand Lodge of Michigan," claiming to participate in their deliberations. The very respectable and intelligent committee on Credentials of that body, report from the evidence before them, adversely to the constitutional existence of any Grand Lodge in the State of Michigan, and of course the delegate was not recognized as entitled to a seat. Painful as this act must have unquestionable been, there can exist no doubt but that the Convention was actuated by the highest considerations of duty, when they pronounced the existence of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to be "in derogation of the fundamental statutes and land marks of the Masonic fraternity, and that it is an irregular body, which ought not and cannot be recognized by the fraternity of the United States."

During the past summer I received a printed abstract from the journal of their proceedings, from the Grand Secretary of that body, containing the report of their "Committee on Foreign Relations," together with other documents connected with the decision of the Washington Convention. The committee complained that the Convention transcended their legitimate authority, and that the proceedings affecting the Grand Lodge of Michigan, were based exclusively upon an *ex parte* hearing. In their report they give in detail the history of their organization, which they claim to be regular and constitutional, and the opinion of this Grand Lodge is requested upon the points stated in the report.

To the Lodges of Ohio, especially those in the north part of the state, your decision will be one of particular interest. Geographically, the brethren of Michigan are our near Masonic neighbors, and the intercourse between us from this proximity of territory, will naturally be habitual and intimate. If the Grand Lodge of that state is decided to be unconstitutional in its organization, of course the Lodges deriving their authority from it, cannot be recognized as legal Lodges, and Masonic fellowship with them is cut off and interdicted by the canons of our Order. It is proper to say to you that our

brethren in Michigan found their claims to our recognition of them as a constitutional Grand Lodge, upon new facts which were not presented to the Convention at Washington. I will not attempt in any wise to prejudge their claims, but will submit the papers to such committee as you shall designate, trusting that your action thereon may be so ordered as to establish the general harmony and integrity of our Institution.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the standing committee on Ways and Means, reported a resolution which was adopted, appointing the Grand Master its agent "for the purpose of visiting in person the several Lodges in this state, and soliciting from the members of the fraternity, and from others interested in the success of our efforts, donations in aid of the Grand Lodge Hall Fund."

I regret to state that my health did not permit me to make a specific visit, under this resolution, to each Lodge in the state; as under other circumstances I had fully determined to do. I commenced the visitation on the 12th day of July, and completed it on the 6th of October, during which period I visited the Lodges at Newark, Mount Vernon, Mansfield, Wooster, Massillon, Akron, Cleveland, Canton, New Lisbon, Steubenville, Zanesville, Somerset, Chillicothe, Portsmouth, Circleville, Columbus, Urbana, Troy, Piqua, Dayton, Hamilton and Cincinnati; making in all twenty-five Lodges. The shortness of the period allotted in the discharge of this duty, did not justify me to extend my official intercourse beyond the limits of the different Lodges, and hence no effort was made to solicit contributions, from any source other than through this the legitimate channel, for such application.

For various prudential reasons, I proposed that the Lodges should become immediately responsible to this body, for the sums subscribed within their several jurisdictions; and that the amounts donated should be paid into the Grand Treasury in four annual equal installments. In every instance as far as I have been made acquainted with, this proposal has been acceded to by the Lodges. As my time was so very limited, I could barely arrange to remain [no] more than one day in each place, and could therefore enjoy but a single opportunity of meeting with the brethren of each Lodge. As they were not always prepared to stipulate at once the amount of funds to be donated, I recommended in such cases that their reports should be forwarded to me, previous to our present meeting.

Sixteen Lodges have been heard from; the balance of reports will doubtless be handed in by the delegates now in attendance. It was my intention, and I had hoped to be able to spread before you, in this communication, the actual amount donated by each particular Lodge; but owing to the fact here presented, it will be better to refer all the reports to some one of the standing committees, who will be enabled to furnish, in detail, full and specific information. The Grand Lodge had every reason to expect, as it most palpably had the right to do, that the officers of the subordinate Lodges, especially the representatives composing this body, would have exerted an active coöperation effectually to carry out the object of the visitation they enjoined. This is a proposition so self-evident, that it may be considered superfluous to assert it here.

It is made, however, because I am satisfied their responsibilities on this subject had not, in some instances, been sufficiently appreciated. I have met with more than one Lodge to whom the presentation of the object of my visit was almost, if not entirely, a *new question;* and hence the minds of the members had not been at all apprised of the doings of the Grand Lodge upon this subject, or of the direct obligations placed upon them, through the action of their representatives, five years ago. The practicability of putting up and completing the new Hall, in accordance with the means you have devised, I regard as settled. Experience has demonstrated it to be no longer problematic, though it will be conceded by all that a more unpropitious period could not possibly have been selected for the object of the visitation, as every section of the country is laboring under the most serious moneyed embarrassment, and there is scarcely a Lodge in the State, within my knowledge, that is not affected by this condition of things. With the melancholy evidences of disaster and ruin around them, occurring in the daily transactions of life, the brethren hesitated to come under any moneyed responsibility where the power to meet it did not appear to them clear and

unquestionable. It affords me the highest pleasure to state to you that everywhere, on my visit, I experienced and witnessed the most gratifying demonstrations of attachment to the institution, and an earnest desire to advance its interests.

If the ability of the Lodges I have visited had been generally commensurate with their zeal, the object sought to be accomplished under your resolution I have no doubt would have been fully realized by them. Under these peculiar circumstances, then, I feel justified in announcing to you that the effort thus far has been a successful one; and to recommend that the same system be continued, until every active Lodge in the State shall have been visited.

The report of the building committee, containing a detailed statement of their operations for the past year, with their views upon matters of finance, will be laid before you in season for your action.

I have been requested to invite your attention to the inadequacy of existing regulations with regard to the punctual payment of Grand dues. The XIVth article of the By-Laws provides "that every subordinate Lodge which shall not be represented for two successive grand communications, or which shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years, shall be *suspended* from all the privileges of the Order, until they shall comply with both the requisitions; and shall be stricken from the list of Lodges, and be duly notified thereof by the Grand Secretary for the time being."

It appears to me that this rule is sufficiently positive and comprehensive in its enactments, and if in all instances it is strictly carried out, the evil complained of would at once cease to exist. In former days there was much difficulty experienced in securing a sufficient representation to transact the business of the Grand Lodge, and hence from necessity it remained, during that period, a dead letter upon our statute book. There is no just reason, however, at this time, why each Lodge in the State should not bear its proper proportion of the common burden, and especially is there no reason why it should not be present here, by its representatives, to aid and assist in the annual deliberations of this body.

The committee appointed two years ago to prepare a Constitution and revise the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, was, at the last session, continued by special resolution, and time extended until the present meeting to bring in their report. This committee stands charged with a very important duty; and the hope is indulged that no difficulty will have occurred to prevent a report being submitted at the present time. No one will deny that incongruities may not exist in our present code of By-Laws. It is due to the position which this Grand Lodge now occupies, and to the craft over whom authority is exercised, that all our legislative enactments should be built upon a secure foundation, and evince the spirit of prudence and wisdom. It is time also that the Grand Lodge of Ohio should adopt, from the ancient regulations, a Constitution of their own, and promulgate it to the fraternity, as establishing the fixed and fundamental axioms and principles of our land.

As a matter somewhat analogous to this, permit me to recommend that the journal of the proceedings of this body be ordered hereafter to be read in all our Lodges for the information of the craft.

The general condition of the Masonic institution in other States will properly come before you in the report of the standing committee on Foreign Communications, to whom the letters and proceedings of the different Grand Lodges in correspondence with this body are always submitted.

It will be sufficient to state from this chair, that in every part of our land, east and west, north and south, the elements that were in opposition to our Order, have, in a wonderful manner, faded away, and that there is now realized, wherever the eye is turned, the beneficent and onward marchings of Masonry.

It is not probable that I will ever again address you from this station; and while I tender my grateful acknowledgments for the confidence you have always manifested, and the coöperation I have received in my humble efforts to administer the government

of this Grand Lodge, I beg also to assure you that its welfare, and that of the Lodges you represent, will be, at all times, and under all circumstances, the subjects of my affectionate regard.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

October 17th, 1842.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a select committee of five members, to designate the several appropriate committees to whom its subject matter shall be referred.

Brothers Hubbard, Barney, Ward, Roof and Donahoo were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Hine*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, The committee heretofore appointed, to whom was referred so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master at the session of 1841, as related to the representative system, are not present, and it being very doubtful whether they will be in attendance at all; *Therefore*,

Resolved, That the said committee be discharged; and that the whole subject be now referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to report at the present grand communication.

The chair appointed Brothers Hine, Death and Weyer said committee.

Brother *Raleigh* presented sundry papers from Jefferson Lodge, which, on his motion, were referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Death* presented the returns and papers of Eastern Star Lodge, which were referred to the same committee.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all Lodges represented in this grand communication, which are not prepared to discharge the full sum of their grand dues, from a mistaken apprehension of the amounts, have until the next annual grand communication to pay so much thereof as now remains unpaid; and that the representatives of the several Lodges in that condition, here present, be entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Shinnick* presented a petition from Samuel A. Barker and others, avouched and recommended by Lafayette Lodge No. 79, at Zanesville, praying for letters of dispensation to establish a new Lodge at McConnelsville, in Morgan county, which was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, it was

Resolved, That so much of the By-Laws as requires the reading of the journal of the last grand communication be and the same is hereby dispensed with.

Brother *Hubbard* submitted the following report, which was unanimously agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, with instructions to designate the appropriate committees to whom the several subject matters of said communication shall be referred, have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully submit for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of said communication as relates to the granting of dispensations be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and the action that was had with respect to that body by the convention of Grand Lodges at Washington, be referred to a select committee of five members.

That so much as relates to the other proceedings of the convention at Washington,

with the recommendations of the M. W. Grand Master thereon, be referred to a select committee of five members.

That so much as relates to the non-payment of dues by the members of the subordinate Lodges be referred to a select committee heretofore appointed on the subject of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

That so much as relates to the late visitation of the M. W. Grand Master to the Lodges of Ohio, be referred to the standing committee of Ways and Means.

That so much as relates to subordinate Lodges resuming work without proper authority, be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to general Masonic information, be referred to the standing committee on Foreign Communications.

WM. B. HUBBARD,
JOHN BARNEY,
JOSEPH A. ROOF,
JONAS WARD,
J. T. DONAHOO.

The following select committees were then appointed, as recommended in the foregoing resolution, viz:

Relating to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan—Brothers Disney, Thrall, Caldwell, Bartram and Stewart.

Relating to Proceedings of Convention of Grand Lodges—Brothers Hubbard, Barney, Clary, Davis and Keifer.

Brother *Barrere* presented the amended By-Laws of Highland Lodge No. 38, and on his motion, the same were referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the rule heretofore adopted, in the following words, to wit: "That hereafter, the Grand Lodge, in granting charters, shall commence in numbering the same with the lowest number of those Lodges whose charters have been forfeited or surrendered," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to affix numbers to the charters of those working Lodges that have blanks, and are represented in this grand communication; and that said committee affix such numbers as not to interfere with any existing chartered Lodges that are now registered, and whether said Lodges be here represented or not.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Hubbard, Hanselmann and Dresbach upon said committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, October 18, 1842.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The R. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Deputy Grand Master, appeared and took his appropriate station.

This day's session was opened with prayer by the M. Rev. Brother *Joseph A. Roof*, Grand Chaplain.

Brother *Thrall* submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, viz:

WHEREAS it has pleased the Grand Master of the Universe, since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to summon from his earthly labors to the rewards of a well spent life, our worthy Brother, the Hon. WILLIAM W. IRVIN, late Grand Master of Masons in the State of Ohio: *Therefore*,

1. *Resolved*, That we cherish a lively remembrance of the many virtues which adorned the character of Brother IRVIN, as a citizen, as a man, and as a Mason; and that, through his example, he, though dead, yet speaketh to us.

2. That while this Grand Lodge bows in humble submission to the inscrutable decrees of an all-wise Providence, it begs to tender to the widow and family of our lamented Brother, its sympathy and condolence in this afflictive dispensation.

3. That the Grand Secretary communicate under the seal of the Grand Lodge, a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, to the family of our deceased Brother IRVIN.

The M. W. *Grand Master*, as Chairman of the Building Committee, submitted the following report, viz:

The committee appointed to superintend the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall in the town of Lancaster, respectfully report: That since the last session of the Grand Lodge no new contracts of work have been entered into. During this period that portion of the building now under contract, has been slowly, but at the same time securely and permanently progressed with. The committee felt it to be their duty to ascertain the result of the late visitation to the Lodges, before any new moneyed responsibilities were incurred.

The plan devised for the procurement of means has now been tested—so far as the visitation was extended, it has proved sufficiently successful to justify the opinion, that if it be persevered in, in connection with the yearly dues heretofore assessed, that funds adequate to the final completion of the building will be obtained. The visitation of the Grand Master has however demonstrated one fact, which must govern the committee in their subsequent operations.

It is now ascertained that the receipts from subscriptions will not be available as rapidly as was anticipated at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge. This will necessarily occasion the building to be longer in construction than was contemplated, as in the present condition of moneyed affairs, the committee do not feel warranted to extend their responsibilities beyond the expected annual receipts, and intend, until directed to the contrary, to be governed by this rule in the subsequent annual disbursements. It is not a matter of any serious moment if the building should be four, or even five years in its progress towards completion, so that the work is only securely going on. During the coming season it will be necessary to contract for the smooth dressed stone for the basement story, and lay in the partition walls from 80,000 to 100,000 brick.

It will be apparent, from the designs adopted, that the contracts for stone work will be the most expensive in the building, requiring time and much labor to complete them.

The contract now existing for the foundation will be closed during the present fall or early in the winter months. To do justice to this part of the work, no pains have been spared to procure the best material, and the committee are satisfied that in no part of the state can stone be procured, better adapted in every way to the purpose, than the kind used for the foundation. They are procured from the quarry in large blocks, and are laid in the wall by experienced workmen, and under the directions of the Superintendent. It is also proper to say that for general building purposes, this stone is superior to granite, free or lime stone. It resists the action of fire much better than either, and is not injuriously affected by frost. The experience of the agents of the state upon the public works, goes in all instances where it has been tested, to give it the superiority over other material, and it is now, whenever it can be procured, used in preference for the construction of massive, permanent work; for locks and dams, in preference to all other stone.

The estimated amount of work now finished is about sixteen hundred dollars, exclusive of filling.

During the past season the following accounts were paid by the Grand Treasurer, upon the orders of the chairman of this committee, viz:

Jesse White's account	$96 48
Duval & Shwartz "	6 00
Bope & Weaver "	5 56

Blair & Kinkead account	35 00
John Lynch "	10 76
Sundry ac'ts per vouchers	38 87
Works & Connell account	7 81
Kinkead & Doty "	0 44
Nelson Coates "	15 00
Total	$215 92

To prevent confusion in the Grand Lodge accounts, it will be necessary that separate and distinct books be opened for the "Grand Lodge Hall Fund." The committee therefore recommend that the Grand Treasurer receive all the moneys arising from donations and subscriptions to this Fund, and that he open a separate account with each Lodge that shall subscribe thereto. The committee have adopted the following plan for the disbursement of the building fund: During the progress of the new Hall, the Superintendent will make out and certify to the committee periodical estimates for the work. Upon these certificates the chairman of the committee will draw his orders upon the Grand Treasurer, which will be his only warrant for the payment of moneys. This plan is at once secure and perfectly simple, and will enable the finance committee of the Grand Lodge yearly to examine and audit the accounts without difficulty.

From information which they have received, the committee have every reason to believe that additional subscriptions *in materials*, which will be equivalent to cash, can be obtained to a large amount from those Lodges that have already been visited, and there is very little doubt but that if proper exertions are made, the building fund can be increased in this way some four to six thousand dollars.

They therefore recommend that the visitation system be continued until every Lodge in the state shall have been called upon; and that the Grand Master or the chairman of the building committee be authorized to adopt such plan as to them shall be deemed expedient, to secure any additional subscriptions in materials that can be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. Reese,
Wm. B. Thrall,
Robt. Stewart.

On motion of Brother *Hood*, the above report was referred to the standing committee on Ways and Means.

The resolutions of subordinate Lodges, making donations in aid of the "Grand Lodge Hall Fund," together with a statement of the personal expenses incurred in the late visitation by the M. W. Grand Master, with the statement of moneys received by him, were also referred to the same committee.

Brother *Thrall* submitted the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report (in part), that they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and records of Moriah Lodge No. —, Belmont county; and of Wilmington Lodge No. —, Clinton county, and find them in the main correct, and such as should meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge. In the case of the latter Lodge, however, the committee observe that while working under a dispensation, the Lodge proceeded to the installation of its officers, which the committee deem a departure from the usages under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The same committee have also examined and considered the memorial and proceedings of a number of Brethren residing at McConnelsville, Morgan county, praying for a dispensation constituting them a regular Lodge, to be denominated "Corinthian Lodge No. —," which is accompanied by the recommendation of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, Zanesville; all of which appear in proper form.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That charters be granted to Moriah Lodge No. —, and to Wilmington Lodge

No. —, and that a dispensation be granted to Brother Samuel A. Barker and his associates, constituting them a regular Lodge, under the name of "Corinthian Lodge No. —," at McConnelsville, Morgan county.

W. B. Thrall,
Geo. D. Hine,
Geo. Keifer.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to receive Lancaster Bank paper from the subordinate Lodges, in payment of their annual Grand Lodge dues.

Brother *Disney* made the following report, which was considered and unanimously concurred in.

The committee to whom was referred sundry documents and communications, in relation to the legal existence of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, have had the matter under consideration, and now report: That so far as they can learn from the various papers in their possession, the facts appear to be that a Grand Lodge was duly organized in and for the then Territory of Michigan, in the year 1826, by a Convention of Delegates from four subordinate Lodges, and that said Grand Lodge continued holding its communications regularly, until the year 1829, when it adopted a resolution "to suspend for the time being its meetings, and recommended to the subordinate Lodges to do the same," which was accordingly done. In the year 1840, a circular letter was issued, calling for a meeting which was held at Mount Clemens, by individual Masons for purposes of inquiry, "and a committee to correspond touching certain subjects was appointed;" "a similar meeting was called and held at Detroit," "whose only object was to obtain an expression of the public Masonic sentiment on the subject, in order that the old grand officers remaining in the state, might feel justified in emerging from their dormant condition." In the spring of 1841, dispensations were granted by the individual who filled the office of Junior Grand Warden at the time of the suspension of labor in 1829; and in June 1841, delegates from the Lodges so authorized, met agreeably to notice, and reörganized the Grand Lodge under the old Constitution, and recommended a general resumption of labor in the jurisdiction; the files, blanks and records having been duly made over into the hands of the Grand Secretary by the former officer having them in charge. Such, so far as your committee can learn, is a brief compendium of the facts in this case, and the question for this Grand Lodge to decide is, whether under these circumstances it will recognize the claim of the present organization in the State of Michigan.

By the ancient Constitutions, the Masters and Wardens of at least five regular Lodges were requisite to the formation of a Grand Lodge; but whatever of objection would seem on this account to attach in this case, it is obviated by the assurance which we have "that the Grand Lodge of Michigan *was* recognized by most of the Grand Lodges in the Union."

The reasonings and resolutions laid before this Grand Lodge by the institution in Michigan, with a single exception, may readily be compressed into a single point: Has any one or more Grand Lodges a right to require any evidence, and if any, what evidence, of the constitutional existence of a Grand Lodge, other than the usual official notice under the hand and seal of its Secretary?

To this there would seem to be a ready response. Every individual Mason, on visiting a Lodge, has a constitutional right, by the rules of the Order, to examine the authority by which such Lodge works; and in all cases all parties have a right to demand the best proof the case will admit, of the right of the other party to claim the franchises belonging to this ancient institution, and if it be important that such a right should be recognized, as between individuals and single Lodges, how much more important it is that they should be satisfied when the parties claim the elevated positions of Grand Lodges. The Michigan report, however, contends for a difference between a suspension and destruction of their powers. In settling questions like this, your committee believe

that a common sense understanding of the meaning of words, coupled with their technical use in any case, is always the safest guide for their construction. By the rules of deliberative bodies, a postponement or suspension of action upon a particular subject, for an indefinite period, is equivalent to an absolute refusal to act at all; and though the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan fixed no particular time during which it would suspend its action, and therefore, viewed in that light alone, is a technical indefinite postponement of future action, yet when we view the peculiar phraseology of the resolution as quoted, we are impelled irresistibly to the conclusion that they did not intend to deprive themselves of the power, should future circumstances warrant its exercise. The duration of the influences which existed at that time could not be foretold, and hence the difficulty to fix a period at which their labors should be resumed. A Grand Lodge has, in the opinion of your committee, an undoubted right to suspend its labors for two years or twenty years, and then resume them, protected by all the force of legal authority, and the whole difficulty on this point in the present case seems to turn upon the fact that no time was fixed, and thus, by leaving it uncertain, it became an absolute dissolution of the body. Such a conclusion is, however, entirely overthrown by the fact, that in lieu of a particular time for which this suspension should last, the Grand Lodge of Michigan inserted the words "for the time being," thus not only negativing in the strongest manner any conclusion which might be sought to be drawn in favor of its dissolution, but holding forth in the plainest manner the idea that it expected at some future day to resume its functions. On the whole, then, your committee are of opinion that during this period the Grand Lodge of Michigan has existed in a state of suspended vitality. They are equally clear that in the absence of the superior officers the Junior Grand Warden had a right to direct a resumption of the work, if the subordinate Lodges still retained their organization, and had not crumbled to pieces by the lapse of time. But it is unquestionably true that no Grand Lodge can exist without subordinate Lodges, for the single reason that the Grand Lodge is composed of representatives of the subordinate Lodges; and whether any such legally existed at the time the Junior Grand Warden assumed the authority adverted to, your committee have no means of learning. Should this prove to be the fact, your committee would recommend that the present organization be recognized as the legitimate Grand Lodge of Michigan. All of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Brother *Bigelow*, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge will proceed to the election of Grand Officers this afternoon, at 2¼ o'clock.

The following resolution was submitted and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed one hundred and twenty dollars, in full for his services during the past year.

On motion of Brother *Dodge*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

October 18, 1842, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. The M. W. Grand Master being absent, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master took the Chair.

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations presented the following report, which was read and agreed to, viz:

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the dispensations, By-Laws and records of Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, Athens; Temple Lodge No. —, Harpersfield, Ashtabula county; Hiram Lodge No. —, West Alexandria, Preble county; Chardon Lodge No. —, Chardon, Geauga county; Leesburgh Lodge No. —, Leesburgh, Highland county; Cleveland City Lodge No. —, Cleveland; Wadsworth and Seville Lodge No. —, Medina county; Salem Lodge No. —, New Salem, Fair-

field county, have examined the same with all the care and attention which the limited time of the committee would admit, and find them to be correct. The committee recommend that charters be granted to said Lodges.

The committee have in like manner examined the papers referred to them from Sandusky Lodge No. —, at Tiffin, Seneca county, and find them to be generally correct. They note, however, what they deem to have been a departure from established usage, viz: the reinstating of a brother who had been suspended by Lafayette Lodge No. 77. The committee recommend that a charter be granted to Sandusky Lodge No. —.

In relation to Eastern Star Lodge No. 55, Franklin, Warren county, the committee learn that it suspended its labors about the year 1829, and continued in a state of suspension until February 2, 1841, when, without having any authority from the Grand Lodge for the proceeding, it resumed its labors. This the committee deem to have been a departure from the landmarks of the Order, such as, if permitted to pass without notice, might be drawn in as a precedent, and be productive of most pernicious consequences. The committee are gratified at the assurance, however, which has been given them, that, (with the exception of the irregularity noted,) the work of said Lodge, since its resumption, has been such as will be conducive to the general interests of the craft. The committee recommend that said Lodge be permitted to continue its labors under its charter, and that its representative be permitted to take his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge at its present communication, on payment of the Grand Lodge dues which have accrued since October, 1841.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Thrall,
G. D. Hine,
Geo. Keifer.

On motion, the election for Grand Officers was postponed until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial from Jefferson Lodge No. 90, at Middletown, in Butler county.
2. That said Jefferson Lodge No. 90, is hereby authorized to resume its labors, and is directed to report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Hood*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the representatives from the subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge, who have paid their grand dues in Lancaster Bank paper, be paid their per diem and mileage expenses in the same kind of funds.

On motion of Brother *Brock*, it was

Resolved, That Salem Lodge No. —, be authorized to use the same set of jewels now in their possession, until the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That in all cases where preëxisting Lodges have been compelled to cease their work, without having returned their charters, or had the same taken away by the Grand Lodge, and where any such Lodge has been revived by letters of dispensation, in the same place and under its former name, and has fully paid up all grand dues under such dispensation, each and every such Lodge (having in all other respects complied with the regulations of the Grand Lodge,) shall be entitled to receive their charter and a return of the dispensation fee, after deducting therefrom the Grand Secretary's fees and all other incidental charges.

On motion of Brother *Herrencourt*, it was

Resolved, That the jewels loaned to Columbus Lodge No. —, be and the same are hereby vested in said Lodge as its property, subject, however, to Masonic usages in that behalf.

Brother *Shinnick* made the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee on Accounts report (in part) that they have carefully examined the books and accounts, together with the vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and find them to be correct, and that there remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of one hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifty-two cents. And the following bills remaining unpaid, which bills we have examined and find correct, and recommend them to be paid, viz:

Brother Casper Thiel, printing Grand Lodge proceedings	$100 00
Wm. C. Jones, for printing funeral service	51 00
Brother Casper Thiel, printing circulars	13 00
J. Percival, for sundry printing	27 00
Brother George Myers, sundry articles furnished Grand Lodge	29 92
Total	$220 92

Amounting to two hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-two cents, which will leave a balance in his favor of sixty-seven dollars and forty cents.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
C. F. HANSELMANN,
JOHN SAYER.

On motion of Brother *Millikan*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz:

WHEREAS, The charter of Washington Lodge No. —, at Washington, in Fayette county, has been purloined or lost: *Therefore*,

Resolved, That a new charter be issued to said Lodge, upon payment of the expenses for issuing the same, and that the said Lodge take rank as though its charter had not been lost.

Brother *Hubbard* read the following report, which was considered, and ordered to be laid upon the table:

The select committee to whom was referred the subject of affixing numbers for the charters of the new Lodges heretofore not numbered, etc., have attended to the duty assigned them, and herewith submit their report: That for the purpose of expediting the business assigned them, and of doing no injustice to old Lodges that had suspended, and taking measures for a revival, your committee, at the expense of much labor, prepared an abstract of all the Lodges that had been in existence under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, whether the same existed by letter of dispensation or by charter. Which abstract your committee herewith file as part of their report, (marked A.) with a belief that a reference to it will not only the better enable the Grand Lodge to appreciate the manner of numbering, herewith reported, but the same will save labor hereafter, and from time to time, in affixing old numbers to new Lodges until the whole of them are absorbed.

Your committee found in the course of their examination, that Nos. 47 and 70, were never affixed to any Lodges or charters. No. 24 was for a Lodge in the army and following the camp. No. 41, and No. 51, were for Lodges in Indiana and Michigan. And of Lodges within the State formerly having charters and having ceased to exist, without any known hopes of their resuscitation, the following appear upon the books: Nos. 1, 7, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 27, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 42, 43, 51, 53, 56, 58, 59, 63, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 77, 80, 83, 84, 85, 87, 88, 91. 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98, 99. With these your committee have also annexed as subject to filling up all those numbers on the abstract when dispensations were granted, and the Lodges ceased working under them a sufficient time to warrant their entire discontinuance. In applying numbers to existing Lodges, your committee could not well adopt any other rule than that which has governed them, to wit: affixing them as near as may be to the present and probable condition and future influence of each, and having due regard for the rights of the old and regularly working Lodges.

In pursuance of which, your committee have been signally aided by several of our

worthy brethren whose knowledge of the present condition and prospects of the working Lodges, old or new, has been exceedingly valuable.

Your committee therefore conclude by offering for adoption the following resolutions, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That the vacant numbers be affixed to Lodges having no numbers, in the following order, to wit:

No. 20. Marion,	No. 47. Washington,	No. 85. Jackson,
" 24. Warren,	" 70. Wilmington,	" 87. Salem,
" 28. Temple,	" 74. Wads. and Seville,	" 88. Hiram,
" 34. King Solomon's in Perfection,	" 75. Sandusky,	" 93. Chardon,
" 41. Clinton,	" 83. Fellowship,	" 97. Newark,
	" 84. Leesburgh,	" 98. Moriah.

2. That subsequent numbers be affixed to new Lodges out of the numbers embodied in this report, by the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, giving the highest numbers to such as in the discretion of said committee appear most worthy.

3. That the remaining numbers in the abstract, and belonging to Lodges now suspended, (marked * to each,) be added to the list of numbers for vacant Lodges after the next grand communication, and be thereafter, from time to time, affixed to new Lodges, agreeably to resolution No. 2, unless, in the mean time, those dormant Lodges adopt measures to resuscitate and claim their old standing and numbers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Hubbard,
C. F. Hanselmann,
Chas. F. Dresbach.

ABSTRACT OF ALL THE LODGES, THEIR LOCATION, NUMBER, Etc.

No.	Names as Chartered.	Where Located.	Whether working or not.	Proposed application of old Nos.	No.
1	American Union	Marietta	Ceased since 1828		
2	N. C. Harmony	Cincinnati	Working		
3*	Erie	Warren, Trumbull co.	Ceased since '28		
4	New England	Worthington	Working		
5	Amity	Zanesville	do		
6	Scioto	Chillicothe	do		
7	Morning Dawn.	Gallipolis	Ceased since '28	Cleveland	7
8	Harmony	Urbana	Working		
9	Mt. Zion	Mt. Vernon	do		
10	Meridian Orb	Painesville	Ceased since '28		
11	Centre Star	Granville	do do '37		
12	Unity	Ravenna	do do '27		
13	St. Johns	Dayton	Working		
14	Franklin	Troy	do		
15	Concord	Cleveland	New one in place		
16	Belmont	St. Clairsville	Working		
17	Washington	Hamilton	do		
18*	Hiram.	Delaware	Ceased since '32		
19	Jerusalem	Vernon, Trumbull co.	do do '28		
20	Farmers' Lodge	Belpre, Washington co.	do do '18	Marion	20
21	Western Star	Boardman	do do '34		
22*	Rising Sun.	Ashtabula	do do '29		
23	Pickaway	Circleville	Working		
24*	Army Lodge	Where Camp is	Discontinued	Warren	24
25	Paramuthia	Athens	New one under dispensation.		
26	Lebanon	Lebanon	do do do		
27	Morning Star	Springfield	Discontinued		
28	Temple	Harpersfield	Resuscitating	Temple	28
29	Clermont Social.	Williamsburgh	Working		
30	Ohio	Columbus	Ceased working '35		
31	Golden Rule	Fairfield, Greene co.	do do '33		
32	Friendship	Decatur	Discontinued '24		
33	Ebenezer	Wooster	Working		
34	Middlebury	Middlebury	Discontinued '25	King Solomon's Lodge in Perfect.	34
35	Mansfield	Mansfield	Working		
36	Portage	Atwater	Discontinued '20		
37	Mt. Moriah	Waterford, Wash. co.	do '32		
38	Highland	Hillsborough	Working		
39	New Haven	New Haven	Discontinued '24		
40*	Northern Light	Perrysburgh	do '28		

ABSTRACT OF LODGES—*Continued.*

No.	Names as Chartered.	Where Located.	Whether working or not.	Proposed application of old Nos.	No.
41	Brookfield Harmony.	Indiana	Withdrawn		
42	Western Phœnix	Parkman	Discontinued '28		
43	West Union	West Union	Ceased '37		
44	Columbia	Whitewater	Working in '37		
45	Steubenville	Steubenville	Working		
46	Miami	Cincinnati	do		
47	No Lodge of this No.	No where	Nonexisting	Clinton	47
48	Aurora	Portsmouth	Working		
49*	Xenia	Xenia	Ceased in '32		
50*	Science	Sandusky City	do do		
51	Monroe	Monroe county, Mich.	Discontinued, never charter'd		
52	St. Jerome	Wilmington	New one		
53	Charity	Zoar, Delaware county	Ceased in '28		
54	Milford	Milford	Working		
55	Eastern Star	Franklin & Miamisburg	do		
56	King Solomon	Elyria	Ceased in '28		
57	Lancaster	Lancaster	Working		
58	Medina	Medina	Ceased in '28		
59	New Philadelphia	New Philadelphia	do do		
60	Canton	Canton	Working		
61	Bethel	Bethel, Clermont co.	do		
62	St. Jerome	Chagrin	Ceased since '28		
63	Evergreen	Salem, Cuyahoga co.	do do '28		
64	Mt. Vernon	Norwalk	Working		
65	New Lisbon	New Lisbon	do		
66	Guernsey	Cambridge	Ceased '29		
67	Oxford	Oxford	do '30		
68	Hudson	Hudson	Ceased after '28		
69	Meridian Sun	Richfield	do do '28		
70	No Lodge of this No.	No where	Nonexisting		
71	Chester	Chester, Meigs county.	Ceased '31		
72	Georgetown	Georgetown	Charter surrendered '32		
73	Temperance	Sidney, Shelby county.	do do '32		
74	Wadsworth, Disp'n.	Wadsworth	Ceased in '25	Wads. and Seville	74
75	North Star, do	Sandusky	do '25	Sandusky	75
76	Somerset	Somerset, Perry co.	Working		
77	Lafayette	Eden, Seneca county	Ceased		
78	Village, Dispensation	Burton	Ceased '24		
79	Lafayette	Zanesville	Working		
80	Morning Star	Springfield	Ceased '29		
81	Lafayette	Cincinnati	Working		
82	Bolivar	Eaton, Preble county.	do		
83	Morning Star, Disp'n	Mantua, Portage co.	Ceased '26	Fellowship	83
84	Warren	Milford, Union co.	do '31	Leesburgh	84
85	Charity, Dispensat'n.	Painesville	do '25	Jackson	85
86	Centre	Johnstown, Licking co.	Working		
87	Jefferson	Jefferson, Ashtabula co.	Ceased '29	Salem	87
88	Germantown, Disp'n.	Germantown	do '27	Hiram	88
89	Friendship	Barnsville, Belmont co	Stricken off '34		
90	Jefferson	Middletown	Working		
91	Western Sun	Concord, Scioto county	Ceased '31		
92	Clinton	Coshocton	do '25		
93	Chardon	Chardon, Geauga co.	New one, discontinued	Chardon	92
94	Montgomery	Montgomery	Ceased '32		
95	Minerva	Burlington	do '30		
96	Mt. Pleasant, Disp'n.	Mt. Pleasant, (Ind.)	do '28		
97	Newark, do	Newark	Resuscitated	Newark	97
98	Minerva	Miamisburgh	Ceased '31	Moriah	98
99	Clinton	Woodsfield	do '29		
100*	Orphan's Friend	Wilkesville	do '37		
101*	Carlisle	New Carlisle, Clark co.	do '32		
102	Neville	Neville, Clermont co.	Working		
	Clinton	Massillon	do	Clinton	41
103	Friendship	Dresden	do		
104	Batavia	Batavia	do		

On motion of Brother *Hine*, the report of the committee appointed to affix numbers to certain Lodges, at the last grand communication, and then laid upon the table, was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

The report of the committee appointed at the present session was then taken up and again considered. The question was put upon agreeing to the report, when the Grand Lodge decided not to agree to it.

The Grand Lodge, pursuant to resolution, (it being 4 o'clock,) went into the election for Grand Officers, for the ensuing year. Tellers were appointed; when upon counting the ballots, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. William James Reese, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. David T. Disney, Cincinnati, Deputy Grand Master.
" " George D. Hine, Massillon, Grand Senior Warden.
" " George Keifer, Troy, Grand Junior Warden.
" " George Myers, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " James D. Caldwell, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.
" " Chr. F. Hanselmann, Cincinnati, Grand Marshal.
" " William B. Hubbard, Columbus, Grand Orator.
" " Benjamin F. Smith, Mt. Vernon, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " John A. Weyer, Jacobsburg, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Rev. Joseph A. Roof, Circleville, Grand Chaplain.
" " John Barney, Worthington, Grand Lecturer.
" " George W. Claspill, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the M. W. Grand Master and inform him of his reëlection; that they request his attendance here on to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock, and that immediately on his appearance in the Grand Lodge the officers elect shall be installed.

The chair appointed Brothers Myers, Hine and Weyer upon said committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday Morning, Oct. 19, 1842.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. Brother Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master read the following report of his official doings for the past year, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The Deputy Grand Master respectfully reports, that on the 16th day of January last, on the application of Brothers Albert Lockwood, Thomas E. Johnson, Augustus Brown, Simeon Simpson, Christopher C. Moxley, George W. Arrick, James E. Johnson and Michael Holmes, duly avouched and recommended by Highland Lodge No. 38, he issued his letter of dispensation to said brethren, constituting them a regular Lodge, by the name of "Leesburg Lodge No. —." The payment of the fee for said dispensation is evidenced by the receipt of the Grand Treasurer for forty dollars, which accompanies this report.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. Thrall, *Deputy Grand Master.*

October 18, 1842.

On motion, the above report was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the fourth resolution of the committee on Ways and Means, at the

last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, requiring subordinate Lodges to return to the Grand Lodge as annual dues, one dollar for each member, and two dollars for each initiation be rescinded, and that one dollar for each initiation, and fifty cents for each member be required of the subordinate Lodges in future.

Brother *Hood* submitted the following report, which was discussed and laid on the table:

The standing committee of Ways and Means, respectfully report: That the attention of your committee has been especially directed to the subject of the Grand Lodge Hall, now erecting in this town. They beg leave to express their approbation of the plan proposed to be adopted by the building committee in their report, and particularly with the disposition they manifest to keep the expenditures within their receipts, which is all important in the present state of monetary affairs, and to which we recommend they may strictly adhere, even at the expense of delaying the completion of the building to a period beyond that contemplated by them.

The manner proposed by them for keeping an account of the funds donated or otherwise provided for the erection of said Hall, is at once ready and simple, and we would recommend its adoption; and we would further recommend that all moneys collected from donations or otherwise, be paid to the Grand Treasurer, and that he give bond with security for the same, as provided by Article XIX, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge at the last annual communication passed a resolution making our M. W. Grand Master the agent of the Grand Lodge, to visit in person the several subordinate Lodges of this state, and solicit from members of the fraternity, and others interested in the success of our efforts, contributions in aid of the Grand Lodge Hall fund. The policy of the plan proposed by the resolution is no longer a subject of doubt, taking the report of the several subordinate Lodges which were visited by our Grand Master as data. We feel entirely assured, if that policy is vigorously prosecuted, it must and will result in the accomplishment of the desired object. In conclusion we would offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to visit in person, so soon as practicable, the subordinate Lodges in this state, not heretofore visited by him, and solicit aid for said Grand Lodge Hall fund, and that he be allowed such necessary expenses as are contemplated by resolution No. 2, published in the last annual report of the committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. HOOD,
GEO. C. GEPHART,
A. S. SANFORD.

The M. W. Grand Master was announced, and received with the customary honors. Whereupon, in pursuance of the resolution of yesterday, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect.

The M. W. Grand Master conducted the ceremonies, after which the several officers took their appropriate stations in the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Hanselmann* presented the proceedings of Nova Cesarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, at Cincinnati, on the subject of the Grand Lodge Hall Fund, with the donation of said Lodge in aid of said fund, which was referred to the standing committee of Ways and Means.

The M. W. Grand Master read a communication from Brother J. W. Copeland, in relation to Charity Lodge, at Galena, in Delaware county; which at his instance was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Eastman*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the change of name in the Wadsworth Lodge to that of Wadsworth and Seville Lodge, leaves it substantially the same, and brings the Lodge within the operation, exempting all resuscitated Lodges, under certain circumstances, from the payment of old arrearages of grand dues.

Brother *Disney* submitted the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee on Foreign Communications report: That they have examined, as well as the extremely limited time allowed to them would permit, various communications from New Hampshire, Indiana, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, Mississippi, New York, Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Missouri and Florida, as also the journal of the Convention of delegates from the Grand Lodges of the United States, held at Washington, March 7, A. L. 5842. These documents are for the most part the printed proceedings of the various Grand Lodges from which they have emanated, and from the various reports and statements which they contain, give the most cheering assurances of the onward progress of the Order. The different subjects which they agitate, at least so far as they are important to us, have mostly been pressed upon the attention of the Grand Lodge by our M. W. Grand Master, in his recent communication. Your committee cannot forbear, however, to express their views in relation to the importance of establishing a uniform method of work throughout the United States, and in no way can this be so easily attained as by authorizing your Grand Lecturer to proceed to Baltimore, in conformity to the recommendations of the Convention held at Washington.

The facility with which a comparison of the different works can be obtained by this method, as well as the ease with which any deviations from the ancient landmarks can be corrected, is so obvious as to need no illustration at our hands, and certainly, in point of importance, nothing is of more vital consequence to the stability and interests of the institution, than unvarying uniformity. Your committee would therefore beg leave to call to it your most serious and early attention. In connection with this subject, your committee will only mention a single fact which they find recorded among the documents placed in their possession. In one of our largest commercial cities, the officers appointed for that purpose report, "that they had visited all the Lodges in the city, and find that there is not that uniformity in the work and mysteries of the craft which ought to exist." It being borne in mind that these Lodges were all in the same city, places the fact in such relief as to display the imperative necessity of taking some steps to correct the evil complained of.

In glancing over the proceedings of the different Grand Lodges, your committee were struck with a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, declaring that, in their opinion, it is wrong, improper and unmasonic, for any Lodge to initiate persons without the jurisdiction of this Lodge, (*who properly belong within it*,) and that Lafayette Lodge, of the city of Philadelphia, in initiating a citizen of Vicksburgh, who had been rejected by Ancient York Lodge, of the latter place, acted unmasonically. In the opinion expressed by this resolution your committee join with the most hearty concurrence. A practice so manifestly improper, and at variance with the fundamental rules of the Order, is fraught with the most baleful consequences, and should be checked at the earliest moment; nor do your committee hesitate a moment to believe that it will receive your most unqualified condemnation.

Many of the evils complained of and sought to be corrected in the various Grand Lodges we are happily exempt from, and of the remainder sufficient time has not been allowed your committee to digest and prepare a report upon them; but they would remark generally, that a rigid adherence to the rules, a careful weeding out of the evils, and an unvarying uniformity of work, are among the grand essentials necessary to the purity, perpetuity and moral grandeur of the great Masonic edifice.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Hubbard,
D. T. Disney,
Stephen Clary.

On motion of Brother *Davis*, the vote taken yesterday afternoon upon the report of the committee to affix numbers to the Lodges, was reconsidered; when, on motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the report was recommitted to the same committee who reported it.

Brother *Disney* offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge be directed to proceed to the city of Baltimore, to meet the different Grand Lecturers of the United States, for the purpose of agreeing upon the course of instruction necessary and proper to be imparted to the Lodges and fraternity in their several jurisdictions, in conformity with the recommendation of the Convention of delegates holden at Washington, D. C., March 7, A. L. 5842.

Brother *Thrall* made the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred a communication of Brother *Jared W. Copeland*, in behalf of members of Charity Lodge, Galena, Delaware county, have considered the matter of said communication, and report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Charity Lodge No. 53, Galena, Delaware county, be and it is hereby authorized to resume its labors, with authority to hold its meetings alternately at Galena and Blendon; and that it report a copy of its By-Laws and proceedings to the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

Wm. B. Thrall,
Geo. D. Hine,
Geo. Keifer.

Brother *Weyer* submitted a resolution in relation to Friendship Lodge No. 89, which was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Porter*, the report of the standing committee of Ways and Means, which was laid on the table, was taken up and concurred in.

Brother *Bigelow* presented the following report, which was read and agreed to, viz:

The committee on Grievances take pleasure in making report, that nothing has been presented to require their action; and as they are not aware of the existence of any matters that will be brought before them, they ask to be discharged.

A. D. Bigelow,
Samuel Millikan,
N. Benjamin.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother George W. Claspill, Grand Tyler, be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars, in full for his services at the present grand communication.

Brother *Hubbard* submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the sums required to be paid by the subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge, be the same and no more as is required by the two published resolutions in the proceedings of the last grand communication, and that those Lodges which have overpaid the sums thus required by said resolutions, be refunded such excess.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the above resolution was referred to a select committee of three members to report thereon, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Raleigh, Hubbard and Keifer said committee.

Brother *Thrall* submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the

resolution relating to Friendship Lodge No. 89, have had the same under consideration. They report it back, and recommend its adoption as follows:

Resolved, That Friendship Lodge No. 89, at Barnesville, in Belmont county, be authorized to resume work, and that the charter now deposited with the Grand Lodge be restored to them.

The following resolution was submitted, viz:

Resolved, That the Rev. Brother Joseph A. Roof, Grand Chaplain, be allowed fifteen dollars for his services at the present grand communication.

Before the question was put upon the adoption of the above resolution, Brother Roof declined to receive any compensation for his services; stating that, in his opinion, the usual drawbacks upon the treasury would not justify him in doing so.

The resolution was accordingly withdrawn.

The following resolution, amendatory of the By-Laws, which was laid over for consideration at the last annual communication, was, on motion of Brother *Thrall*, taken up and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That so much of the XIth article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as requires, at the opening of a grand communication, "that the proceedings of the last grand communication shall be read," be and the same is hereby abrogated.

Brother *Raleigh*, from the committee to whom the resolution was referred fixing the amount of grand dues, reported the same back, and recommended that so much thereof as requires "any excess to be refunded to the Lodges," be indefinitely postponed.

On motion, the report, thus amended, was agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Disney*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, with authority to prepare a Constitution and revise the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and have the same appended to the printed proceedings of the present grand communication.

The Chair appointed Brothers Disney, Thrall, Barney, Hubbard and Caldwell upon said committee; and the Grand Lodge appointed the M. W. Grand Master an additional member of the above named committee.

The following resolution was offered, considered, and ordered to be laid on the table, viz:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the town of Lancaster, on the Monday succeeding the second Tuesday in October, A. L. 5843.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the select committee appointed to prepare a Constitution and revise the By-Laws for the government of the Grand Lodge, be instructed to prepare a form of installation to be observed in installing the officers of the Grand Lodge, and that they cause the same to be appended to the printed minutes of this grand communication.

Brother *Hubbard*, from the committee appointed to affix numbers to certain Lodges, to whom the report upon that subject had been recommitted, reported the same back without amendment, with a resolution recommending the Grand Lodge to concur therein.

Pending the question, Brother *Disney* offered the following resolution as an amendment, which was agreed to, to wit:

Resolved, That the numbering of all resuscitated Lodges shall be in conformity to

their original numbers; and that all newly created Lodges shall be numbered consecutively, according to the dates of their charters, commencing at the highest last number.

The report of the committee, as thus amended, was concurred in.

Brother *Herrencourt*, a representative from Columbus Lodge, offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That Columbus Lodge No. —, at Columbus, be hereafter known, distinguished and recorded, as Columbus Lodge No. 30.

Brother *Thrall* submitted the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report: That among the papers presented to them by the M. W. Grand Master is a blank diploma, designed and executed by Brother R. C. Langdon, which form the committee approve, and respectfully recommend it to the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

Wm. B. Thrall,
Geo. D. Hine,
Geo. Keifer.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause four hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to be printed, and that he transmit to each subordinate Lodge three copies, to each representative here present one copy, and one copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States, as soon as practicable.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That so much of the XVIIIth article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as authorizes the Grand Secretary to be paid five dollars for sealing the charter of each new Lodge, be so construed as to require said fee to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, and not by the Lodges receiving charters, as has been the practice heretofore.

Brother *Hood* submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge approves of the suggestion contained in the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, in reference to the reading of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in the subordinate Lodges of the State; and that hereafter it shall be the duty of the presiding officer of each subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction, at the first regular meeting thereof after the receipt of the journal of such proceedings, to cause the same to be read in open Lodge.

Brother *Raleigh*, from the standing committee on Charity, presented the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The standing committee on Charity respectfully report: That no matters have been presented for their consideration, and as they are not aware of any claims that will require the attention of the Grand Lodge, they ask to be discharged.

B. F. Raleigh,
K. Porter,
L. S. Ingersol.

Brother *Myers*, from the committee appointed to prepare a Pay Roll, submitted their report, which was read and approved.

On motion of Brother *Currier*, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure the address of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and that he cause the same to be appended to the printed minutes of the present grand communication.

The resolution appointing the time and place for holding the next session of the Grand Lodge was taken up.

Brother *Herrencourt* moved to amend the same by striking out "Lancaster," and inserting "Cincinnati."

Brother *Disney* moved to amend the amendment by striking out "Cincinnati," and inserting "Columbus."

The question was put upon the amendment to the amendment, which was *lost.* The question was then put upon agreeing to the amendment proposed by Brother Herrencourt—which was *lost.*

The original resolution was then *unanimously* agreed to.

On motion of Brother *McMurdy*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Brother Grand Orator is hereby requested to prepare and deliver a public Oration or Address on the first evening of the next annual sitting of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the sixth resolution reported by the committee of Ways and Means, at the last grand communication, was amended by striking out the word "require," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "request."

As amended, the resolution reads as follows:

Resolved, That the several subordinate Lodges, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, be and they are hereby authorized to *request* of Masons within their respective jurisdictions, who are not members of a Lodge, the payment of one dollar each, per annum, for the term of three years, which sums such Lodges shall forward, with their annual returns, in aid of the Grand Lodge Hall fund.

On motion of Brother *Barrere*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the Pay-Roll, in estimating the number of miles each member travels, shall be governed by the distances established on the usual stage routes.

On motion of Brother *Hatfield*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, a charter was granted to Mansfield Lodge No. 35: *and whereas*, no charter has been issued under such authority: *Therefore*,

Resolved, That said Mansfield Lodge be authorized to retain its old charter, and work under the same, as though it had never been forfeited, and that no new charter be required to be issued to said Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, the vote had upon the time for the adjournment of the Grand Lodge was reconsidered; when, on motion of Brother *Hine*, the resolution was amended and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourn it will adjourn to meet in the town of Lancaster, on Friday succeeding the third Tuesday of October, A. L. 5843.

Brother *Hine*, from the committee appointed at the present session, on so much of the Grand Master's communication as relates to the representative system, submitted the following report, which was read and concurred in, viz:

The select committee to whom the "Representative System," as recommended by the M. W. Grand Master, was referred, have had the same under consideration, and report,

that while they regret the absence of a majority of the committee who had the charge of this important subject at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, from whom a detailed report was properly expected at the present session, yet the propriety of the measure proposed for consideration, is to them so apparent and self-evident that they have had no hesitation in giving to it the sanction of their individual approbation. They lament the absence of the expected report from the old committee, because the shortness of the time allotted them will necessarily cause their statement to be more *jejune* than the importance of the subject requires.

The origin of the representative system, its nature and results, ought to receive a careful investigation, and be made matter of Masonic history for the information of the Craft. It must suffice for us to present the general features of the system, as we understand it, with the particular reasons that have induced us to recommend it to the Grand Lodge.

The great object intended to be accomplished by the representative system, is the promotion of Masonic intercourse and friendly relations between different Grand Lodges. It secures the earliest information of the proceedings of these bodies, and every fact of common interest, every enactment of general utility, through this instrumentality becomes the speedy property of the whole fraternity; all confidential Masonic communications affecting the general welfare are made through this channel, and as it pre-supposes each Grand Lodge to exercise a separate Masonic government, sovereign and independent, within the limits of its own jurisdiction, it constantly looks to an elevated and dignified position wherever its machinery is put into operation.

Having such basis, the plan of the system may be readily understood, and will be familiarly illustrated by a single example.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New York exercises supreme Masonic jurisdiction over the Lodges of that State; as such it acknowledges no superior, and can only be held accountable for a direct violation of the fundamental universal customs and regulations of the Order. It is therefore strictly *a Masonic Government*, and in all official intercourse with other like bodies, has the right to be treated as such. Precisely the same position is occupied by all the other Grand Lodges in the Union. Let it be supposed, then, that the Grand Lodge of New York desires to establish confidential and intimate relations with the Grand Lodge of Ohio; that body, under the representative system, will thus select some brother resident in Ohio, and commission him as their representative to the Masonic Government, or Grand Lodge of this State. Custom and comity governing such cases, would require the Grand Lodge of Ohio to reciprocate such friendly expression by the appointment of a representative at that Grand Lodge; and this, as the committee understand it, is the structure of the whole system, which, it will be perceived, can be universally extended. It cannot help to work well, because its immediate effect is to bind together, in the closest ties of friendship, the fraternity of different parts of the world, by making them intimate and acquainted with the doings of each other. It raises a barrier against the introduction of improper legislation—preserves the faultless symmetry of the institution—and adds dignity and elevation to Masonic proceedings. These, in short, are some of the views of the committee, and in our opinion, warrant us in recommending for adoption the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio approves the "representative system" recommended by the convention of Grand Lodges at Washington, as in their opinion affording one of the most efficient means to promote the general harmony and concord—secure and disseminate intelligence—and thereby permanently to build up the institution of Masonry.

2. That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to correspond with other Grand Lodges upon this subject, and that he commission representatives to such Masonic Governments in the United States as shall make or desire similar appointments to this body.

Respectfully submitted.

Geo. D. Hine,
John A. Weyer,
A. Death.

At the instance of several representatives present, the Grand Lodge

ordered that the subjoined subordinate Lodges should hereafter be known, numbered and registered as follows, to wit:

No. 15. Cleveland City Lodge, at Cleveland.
" 24. Warren Lodge, Piqua.
" 28. Temple Lodge, Harpersfield.
" 52. Wilmington Lodge, Wilmington.
" 47. Clinton Lodge, Massillon.
" 70. Marion Lodge, Marion.
" 71. Union Lodge, Ripley.
" 74. Wadsworth & Seville Lodge, Seville.
" 77. Sandusky Lodge, Tiffin.
No. 78. Leesburgh Lodge, Highland Co.
" 85. Jackson Lodge, Jackson.
" 87. Salem Lodge, New Salem.
" 88. Hiram Lodge, West Alexandria.
" 93. Chardon Lodge, Chardon.
" 105. Moriah Lodge, Jacobsburgh.
" 106. Fellowship Lodge, New Paris.
" 107. Washington Lodge, Washington.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, reported the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the jewels loaned to Marion Lodge No. 70, at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and by them returned, be again loaned to them for the ensuing Masonic year; and that said Lodge be authorized to retain the same permanently, upon the payment of twenty dollars into the grand treasury.

Brother *Hubbard*, from a select committee, read the following report, which was concurred in, viz:

The committee to whom were referred the proceedings of the Washington Convention, have had the same under consideration, and herewith submit their report: Your committee have examined the proceedings of that Convention with much pleasure and profit, as being the first practical step taken by a portion of the Grand Lodges in the several States, to bring about a more intimate acquaintance with one another, their mode of work, method of government, and general knowledge of the true principles and landmarks of our ancient Order; and thereby tending to produce greater uniformity in all of their labors, from the subordinate to the representative Lodges, and elevating the standing of the whole community of Masons. If, while so much has been done in the beginning by the representatives of only a small portion of all the Grand Lodges, what great and lasting good might not reasonably have been expected, had the Convention been fully attended. And should the labors of the recent Convention be duly appreciated, and a proper estimate be placed upon the subject, may we not expect in time to come, and that too at no remote period, a triennial or quadrennial meeting of all the Grand Lodges, by their representatives, will be found as matter of course upon the Masonic record, and the results of their meetings, from time to time, shedding a permanent and pure light upon the pathway of Masonry?

The principal subjects brought more immediately to the consideration of your committee, by a perusal of the proceedings of that body, and deemed useful to this Grand Lodge for its deliberation and future action, are, then:

1. The delegate system, whereby to produce uniformity of work throughout the entire extent of Masonic government.

As this subject has passed under the consideration of another committee, whose report has been concurred in by the Grand Lodge, your committee forbear to make any further remarks than to say that they hope it may be pertinaciously adhered to, and that *every* Grand Lodge in the United States will adopt measures to have a well qualified delegate in attendance at the first, as well as at all succeeding meetings. They cannot fail of being attended with the most beneficial results. It will be the happy means of supplying a desideratum long desired, and without which uniformity of work, and consequently the full blessings of Masonic recognition and confidence, cannot be fully enjoyed from one extreme of the Masonic family to the other. These meetings of delegates, being thus held regularly and at successive periods, will in a great measure, if not wholly, subserve the conventions of Lodges as originally proposed. Its advantages may be increased and extended by hereafter receiving such delegates as our brethren in Canada and foreign countries may see fit to send.

2. The representative system.

On this subject we have the assurance of the Grand Lodge of New York, that from a trial of the system it works well, conducing much to the improvement of all concerned, and uniting in closer union of Masonic affinity distant and remote brethren and bodies of brethren, and thus by reciprocal intercourse producing and reproducing an increase of Masonic association, Masonic intelligence, and of Masonic and social happiness.

3. "As an additional safeguard against the abuse of Masonic privileges by the unworthy, some of whom are constantly prowling through the land, and deriving a support from the charity of the institution to which they are a disgrace," your committee cannot too strongly recommend the remedy pointed out by that Convention. It meets our hearty and unqualified approbation. The evil is known to every one, in every place, and the true spirit of Masonry has mourned and suffered, in all time past, for the want of some appropriate remedy, and therefore your committee urgently recommend the prompt action of the Grand Lodge upon the subject, and in such way that every subordinate Lodge in this State will forthwith avail itself and its members of the salutary protection thus pointed out, and enforced by the sanction of their own presiding and governing power.

4. As to the work in subordinate Lodges. Your committee are of opinion that in the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge the work is generally confined to the third degree, but from information some deviations do occasionally occur. It is evident to the minds of your committee that a uniform rule, having the sanction of the Grand Lodge, would be attended with wholesome results, and certainly with no evil consequences. It may be considered an axiom in Masonry that the closer the adherence to our ancient landmarks, the better the order and improvement. It is a distinctive feature of Master Masons' Lodges that none but Masters have the right to vote, and it would seem to follow that none of the ordinary business of the Lodge should be transacted in either of the lower degrees. Your committee are decidedly of opinion, therefore, that this Grand Lodge should enjoin it upon all the subordinates to transact none of the business of their Lodge (other than that of initiating and passing applicants) in any other degree than that of the third or Master Masons'.

5. Of fees for conferring degrees. The subordinate Lodges in this State are prohibited receiving notes for fees; and the practice is supposed to be uniform that the fees shall be paid at the time of conferring the degrees. But from the wording of the By-Laws in some of the Lodges, and from other causes, instances too frequently happen that credit is given for the time being, and finally a considerable amount, in the aggregate, becomes outstanding, and in some instances is never paid. This difficulty could be wholly avoided, if the By-Laws of all the Lodges provided that no ballot should be had until the money was in actual deposit.

6. Of suspension for the non-payment of dues, and its consequences. It is much to be regretted that on a subject so plain, and of so much importance to Masonry, any departure from the known landmarks should have existed. Yet such departures are numerous and of long standing. It is no unfrequent occurrence that a member suspended for the non-payment of dues, and otherwise of good standing, is from time to time made cognizant of all the proceedings of the Lodge of which he was formerly a member, not only visits and sits in other Lodges, but almost as a matter of course joins in the public processions of Masons, and is there, and in his daily intercourse otherwise, treated with all the fellowship of a Mason in good standing.

This most assuredly ought not to be. A suspension for the non-payment of dues should wholly cut the member off from *all fellowship* with Masons, as such. He should know and feel that he enjoys, as he is entitled to, none of the privileges or benefits of Masonry. It may be safely asserted that a *worthy* brother, truly unable from poverty to pay his dues, would have them remitted; and a brother able to pay should be adjudged unwilling from his non-payment, and be dealt with accordingly. A worthy brother omitting to pay his dues, and suspended therefor, could easily be restored to his privileges by paying up, and thus evincing his willingness to do his duty as a Mason. In

conclusion, your committee believe that a useful improvement would be the result of a rigid rule on the subject of Lodge dues, promptly suspending all who are in arrears.

Some Lodges have found, from experience, that prompt attention to the payment of dues is obtained by their By-Laws making it the imperative duty of the Secretary to enter "suspended" any one who should be in arrear.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. B. HUBBARD,
STEPHEN CLARY,
JOHN BARNEY,
GEO. KEIFER.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, it was

Resolved, That Brother O. M. Spencer, of Cincinnati, be a delegate to represent this Grand Lodge in general convention, in accordance with the report made by the select committee on that subject.

Brother *Dodge* submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Unfinished Business report: That upon examination of the records of the Grand Lodge, they have not discovered any matter which requires their action.

HENRY H. DODGE,
J. M. BARRERE.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to make out a list of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, with their appropriate numbers and location, and have the same appended to the printed minutes of the present grand communication.

Brother *Bartram*, from the committee heretofore appointed to procure from the Legislature the passage of an act incorporating the Grand Lodge, submitted the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The undersigned, one of the committee appointed at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge to petition the Legislature of Ohio for an act of incorporation, in the absence of a majority of the committee asks leave to report: That said committee so far attended to the duties assigned them, as to cause said petition to be presented; but that the subject did not receive that favorable action which was desired and expected by the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN BARTRAM.

The following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be paid Brother John Barney, Grand Lecturer, for his services at the present grand communication.

Brother *Disney* submitted the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That all further proceedings relating to the construction of the Masonic Hall, in the town of Lancaster, be suspended until the next annual communication, and that Lodges which have subscribed be exempted from any payments during the same period.

The above resolution was fully discussed, and the question upon its adoption being about to be put by the chair, a call was made and sustained that the vote should be taken by Lodges.

Whereupon the Grand Secretary called over the list of Lodges, and the representatives answered by ayes and noes, as follows—Ayes 43, noes 52. So the Grand Lodge decided that the construction of the new "Masonic Hall" *should not be suspended.*

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments, to wit:

Brother L. S. INGERSOLL, of Lebanon, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers K. PORTER, Wooster, and JOHN SAYRE, Dayton, Grand Pursuivants.

No further business being presented for the action of the Grand Lodge, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn, and after appropriate prayer by the Rev. Brother Grand Chaplain, and an address from the M. W. Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was closed in ample form.

WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

Attest,

JAMES D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE of the elected Grand Officers and Representatives at the Session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in 1842.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Wm. J. Reese, G. M., Lancaster.
David T. Disney, D. G. M., Cincin'i.
Geo. D. Hine, G. S. W., Massillon.
Geo. Keifer, G. J. Warden, Troy.
Geo. Myers, G. Treasurer, Lancaster.
Jas. D. Caldwell, G. Sec., Chillicothe.
C. F. Hanselmann, G. M., Cincinnati.
Wm. B. Hubbard, G. O., Columbus.
B. F. Smith, G. S. D., Mt. Vernon.
Jno. A. Weyer, G. J. D., Jacobsburg.
Rev. Jos. A. Roof, G. C., Circleville.
John Barney, G. Lec., Worthington.
Geo. W. Claspill, G. T., Lancaster.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Henry H. Dodge, Cleveland,
Stephen Clary, "
A. S. Sanford, "
K. Porter, Wooster.
N. Eastman, Guilford, Medina co.
David T. Bruce, Chardon, Geauga co.
Joseph Cook, North Perry, Lake co.
R. W. McNeil, Mansfield.
William Hatfield, "
Charles F. Dresbach, Tiffin.
John Staub, Tiffin.
Thomas Winne, Mt. Vernon.
A. D. Bigelow, Newark.
C. F. Currier, Dresden.
G. D. Palmer, Zanesville.
Geo. L. Shinnick, "
Robert Stewart, "
Thomas Hood, Somerset.
J. W. Davis, "
James Cranmer, Lancaster.
M. D. Brock, New Salem.
— Buffington, " "
Geo. W. Moss, Massillon.
Ing. Reynolds, Jackson, Licking co.
W. B. Thrall, P. D. G. M., Circleville.
Geo. C. Gephart, Circleville.
Jason Case, "
Hugh Johnson, Circleville.
Sam'l Millikan, Washington, Fay. co.
George M. Herrencourt, Columbus.
Rev. Jas. T. Donahoo, Worthington.
John Bartram, Marion.
John Sayre, Dayton.
J. M. Mason, Steubenville.
Rev. Robert McMurdy, Troy.
Thomas Jay, Troy.
Jonas Ward, Piqua.
B. F. Raleigh, Hamilton.
Thomas Reed, "
Darius Shaw, New Paris, Preble co.
L. S. Ingersol, Lebanon.
N. Benjamin, West Alexandria.
Absalom Death, Franklin, War'n co.
Levi Gustin, Wilmington.
J. M. Barrere, N. Market, High'd co.
A. Lockwood, Leesburgh, "
A. Giddeman, " "
A. K. Sargent, Bethel, Clermont co.
G. T. Smiley, Georgetown, Brown co.
Benjamin Work, Portsmouth.
Norman Root, Athens.
E. Wells, St. Clairsville.
Arch. Connel, Johnstown, Lick'g co.

LIST OF WORKING LODGES under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as at present Numbered and Registered.

No.	*Names of Lodges.*	*Where Held.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	Cincinnati.
4.	New England	Worthington.
5.	Amity	Zanesville.
6.	Scioto	Chillicothe.
8.	Harmony	Urbana.
9.	Mt. Zion	Mt Vernon.
13.	St. Johns'	Dayton.
14.	Franklin	Troy.
15.	Cleveland City	Cleveland.
16.	Belmont	St. Clairsville.
17.	Washington	Hamilton.
23.	Pickaway	Circleville.
24.	Warren	Piqua.
25.	Paramuthia	Athens.
26.	Lebanon	Lebanon.
28.	Temple	Harpersfield, Ash. co
29.	Clermont Social	Williamsburg.
30.	Columbus	Columbus.
33.	Ebenezer	Wooster.
35.	Mansfield	Mansfield.
38.	Highland	Hillsborough.
44.	Columbia	Harrison, Ham. co.
45.	Steubenville	Steubenville.
46.	Miami	Cincinnati.
47.	Clinton	Massillon.
48.	Aurora	Portsmouth.
52.	Wilmington	Wilmington.
53.	Charity	Galena.
54.	Milford	Milford, Clermont co.
55.	Eastern Star	Franklin, Warren co.
57.	Lancaster	Lancaster.
60.	Canton	Canton.
61.	Bethel	Bethel, Clermont co.
64.	Mt. Vernon	Norwalk.
65.	New Lisbon	New Lisbon.
70.	Marion	Marion.
71.	Union	Clermont county.
72.	Georgetown	Georgetown.
74.	Wads. & Seville	Seville. Medina co.
76.	Somerset	Somerset.
77.	Sandusky	Tiffin.
78.	Leesburgh	Leesburgh, High. co.
79.	Lafayette	Zanesville.
81.	Lafayette	Cincinnati.
82.	Bolivar	Eaton, Preble county.
83.	King Solomon in Perfection	Akron.
86.	Centre	Johnstown, Lick'g co.
87.	Salem	New Salem, Fair'ld co.
88.	Hiram	West Alexandria.
89.	Friendship	Barnesville, Belm't co.
90.	Jefferson	Middletown, But'r co.
93.	Chardon	Chardon, Geauga co.
97.	Newark	Newark.
100.	Orphans' Friend	Wilkesville, Gallia co.
102	Neville	Neville, Clermont co.
103.	Friendship	Dresden, Musk'm co.
104.	Tarlton	Tarlton, Pickaway co.
105.	Moriah	Jacobsburgh, Bel't co.
106.	Fellowship	New Paris, Preble co.
107.	Washington	Washington, Fay. co.
108.	Washington	West Carlisle.
109.	Batavia	Batavia, Clermont co.
110.	Union	

NOTE.—The above list embraces all the Lodges that are known as WORKING LODGES. There are a number of others that have not been represented for more than two years past, which are at present suspended under the operation of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

The select committee appointed to prepare a draft of a Constitution and By-Laws for the Grand Lodge, had not furnished that draft when the journal was committed to the press. It may be expected in a distinct pamphlet so soon as practicable after the copy shall have been furnished by the committee.

JAMES D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

THE

ANCIENT CONSTITUTIONS

AND THE

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS,

AND

OTHER FORMULA

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

COMPILED, DIGESTED AND ARRANGED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND LODGE.

INTRODUCTORY.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and of the Lodges under its jurisdiction:

At the stated communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held in October last, a committee, consisting of William J. Reese, William B. Thrall, David T. Disney, James D. Caldwell, William B. Hubbard. and John Barney, was appointed "to prepare a Constitution and revise the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge," with instructions to cause the same to be appended to the printed minutes of that session.

In the discharge of the duty assigned them, the committee very soon found that it would not be practicable to comply with this instruction without delaying the minutes much beyond the customary period of circulation; and hence they preferred to adopt the present distinctive plan of publication.

It will also be seen that they have not confined their labors within the express limits of the resolution appointing them, but have prepared other matter, in their opinion, of kindred interest; which is particularly addressed to the subordinate Lodges.

The *Ancient Constitutions*, which are obligatory as fundamental regulations in all parts of the world, are for the first time, in this publication, given to the Fraternity of Ohio, under the direct sanction of the Grand Lodge. They constitute a code of essential jurisprudence, with which every craftsman should be familiar.

The *Prayers* and *Charges* to be used in the different Degrees, are not of course enjoined for observance as matter of duty upon any of the Lodges. They do not materially differ from those found in the Charts and Monitors. The principal object sought, is their presentation in a compiled compass.

By order of the Committee.

JAMES D. CALDWELL, *Sec'y.*

May 15, 1843.

NOTE.

Since the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio were adopted, in 1843, there have been made several amendments to those By-Laws. The amendments, however, do not go to any fundamental Masonic principle, but are referable to internal policy; such, for instance, as defining the boundaries of jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges—fixing the compensation of Grand Secretary and delegates to the Grand Lodge—relating to a School Fund, and the like. In making the present publication, the Committee have deemed it proper to conform it to the By-Laws *as they now exist*, rather than as originally reported and adopted; and they have accordingly aimed to give herein a complete and accurate copy of the Constitution and By-Laws as now in force.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

THE ANCIENT CONSTITUTIONS.

CHAPTER I.—Of those who would be Free and Accepted Masons.

Before we enter upon the duties of the *operative Mason*, in the various offices to which he may be called in the Lodge, it is proper to give some account of what is absolutely requisite in all who aspire to partake of the sublime honors of those who are duly initiated into the mysteries and instructed in the art of ancient Masonry.

I.—*Of God and Religion.*

Whoever, from love of knowledge, interest, or curiosity, desires to be a Mason, is to know that, as his foundation and great corner stone, he is firmly to believe in the eternal God, and to pay that worship which is due to Him as the great Architect and Governor of the Universe.

A Mason must observe the moral law. And if he rightly understand the royal art, he will never be an atheist, or an irreligious *libertine*; and will never act against the great inward light of his own conscience.

He will likewise shun the errors of bigotry and superstition; making a a due use of his own reason, according to that liberty wherewith a Mason is made free: for though in ancient times, Masons were charged to comply with the religious opinions and usages of the country or nation where they sojourned or worked, yet it is now thought most expedient that the brethren in general should only be charged to adhere to the essentials of religion, in which all men agree; leaving each brother to his own judgment as to particular forms. Whence, being good men and true, of unsullied honor and unfailing honesty, the Order becomes the center of union, and the means of conciliating true friendship.

II.—*Of Government, and the Civil Magistrate.*

Whoever would be a true Mason is farther to know that, by the privileges of his Order, his obligations as a subject and citizen will not be relaxed, but enforced. He is to be a lover of peace, and obedient to the civil powers which yield him protection, and are set over him where he resides or works. Nor can a real craftsman ever be concerned in conspiracies against

the State, or be disrespectful to the magistrate; because the welfare of his country is his most happy object.

Now, if any brother forgetting for a time the rules of his craft, and listening to evil counsels, should unhappily fall into a contrary conduct, he is not to be countenanced in his crimes or rebellion against the State; but he forfeits all the benefits of the Lodge, and his fellows will refuse to associate or converse with him in private, while he continues in his guilt; that no offense may be given to lawful government. Such a person, however, is still considered as a Mason; his title hereto being indefeasible: and hopes are to be entertained, and endeavors used, that the rules of the craft may again recover him to his duty.

From the constant desire of true Masons to adorn the countries where they reside with all useful arts, crafts and improvements, they have been, from the earliest ages, encouraged and protected by the wisest rulers of States and Commonwealths; who have likewise thought it an honor to have their names enrolled among the fraternity, and have become the patrons of the craft. And thus Masonry having always flourished most in the peaceable times of every country; and, having suffered in a particular manner through the calamitous effects of war, the craftsmen are the more strongly engaged and inclined to act agreeably to the prime principles of their art, in following *peace* and *love* as far as possible with all men.

And as political affairs have occasioned discord amongst the nearest relations, and most intimate friends, Masons are enjoined never to speak of, or discuss them in the Lodge.

III.—*Of Private Duties.*

Whoever would be a Mason should know how to practice all the private virtues. He should avoid all manner of *intemperance* or excess, which might prevent his performance of the laudable duties of his craft, or lead him into enormities, which would reflect dishonor upon the ancient fraternity. He is to be *industrious* in his profession, and true to the Lord and Master he serves. He is to labor *justly*, and not to eat any man's bread for nought; but to pay truly for his meat and drink. What leisure his labor allows, he is to employ in studying the arts and sciences with a diligent mind, that he may the better perform all his duties, to his Creator, his country, his neighbor, and himself.

He is to seek and acquire, as far as possible, the virtues of *patience*, *meekness*, *self-denial*, *forbearance*, and the like, which give him the command over himself, and enable him to govern his own family with affection, dignity and prudence; at the same time checking every disposition injurious to the world, and promoting that love and service which brethren of the same household owe to each other.

Therefore, to afford succor to the distressed, to divide our bread with the

industrious poor, and to put the misguided traveler into the way, are duties of the craft, suitable to its dignity, and expressive of its usefulness. But, though a Mason is never to shut his ear unkindly against the complaints of any of the human race, yet, when a brother is oppressed or suffers, he is in a more peculiar manner called to open his whole soul in love and compassion to him, and to relieve him without prejudice, according to his capacity.

It is also necessary, that all who would be true Masons should learn to abstain from all malice, slander, and evil speaking; from all provoking, reproachful, and ungodly language: keeping always a tongue of good report.

A Mason should know how to obey those who are set over him, however inferior they may be in worldly rank or condition. For although Masonry divests no man of his honors and titles, yet, in the Lodge, preëminence of virtue, and knowledge in the royal art, are considered as the true source of all nobility, rule and government.

The virtue indispensably requisite in Masons, is secrecy. This is the guard of their confidence, and the security of their trust. So great stress is to be laid upon it, that it is enforced under the strongest penalties and obligations; nor in their esteem is any man to be accounted *wise*, who has not intellectual strength and ability sufficient to cover and conceal such honest secrets as are committed to him, as well as his own more serious and private affairs.

IV.— *Of Prerequisites.*

No person is capable of becoming a member, unless together with the virtues aforementioned, or at least a disposition to seek and acquire them, he is also free born; of mature and discreet age; of good report; of sufficient natural endowments, and the senses of a *man;* with an estate, office, trade, occupation, or some visible way of acquiring an honest livelihood, and of working in his craft, as becomes the members of this most ancient and honorable fraternity, who ought not only to earn what is sufficient for themselves and families, but likewise something to spare for works of charity, and supporting the true dignity of the royal craft. Every person desiring admission, must also be upright in body, not deformed or dismembered, at the time of making; but of hale and entire limbs, as a *man* ought to be.

No brother shall propose for admission into this ancient and honorable society, any person, through friendship or partiality, who does not possess the moral and social virtues, a sound head and a good heart; and who has not an entire exemption from all those ill qualities and vices, which would bring dishonor on the craft.

V.—*Instructions for the Candidate.*

A strict, though private and impartial inquiry will be made into the character and ability of the candidate, before he can be admitted into any Lodge; and by the rules of Masonry, no friend who can wish to propose him, may show him any favor. But if he have a friend who is a Mason, and is every way satisfied, his duty is prescribed as follows:

VI.—*Of proposing Candidates.*

Every person desirous of being made a Free Mason in any Lodge, shall be proposed by a member, who shall give an account of the candidate's name, age, quality, title, trade, place of residence, description of his person, and other necessary requisites, as mentioned in the foregoing sections. And it is generally required, that such proposal be also seconded by some one or more members who are acquainted with the candidate. Such proposals shall also be made in Lodge hours, at least one Lodge night before initiation, in order that the brethren may have sufficient time and opportunity to make a strict inquiry into the morals, character and circumstances of the candidate, for which purpose a special committee is sometimes appointed.

The brother who proposes a candidate shall, at the same time, deposit such a sum of money for him, as the Rules or By-Laws of the Lodge may require, which is forfeited to the Lodge if the candidate should not attend according to his proposal, but is to be returned to him if he should not be approved or elected. In case he be elected, he is to pay, in addition to his deposit, such farther sum as the laws of the Lodge may require; and clothe the Lodge, or make some other present, as his circumstances will admit and the brethren agree to accept, for the benefit of the Craft and of distressed members.

VII.—*The Candidate.*

He has a right, before his admission, to desire his friend to show him the warrant, or dispensation, by which the Lodge is held; which, if genuine, he will find to be an instrument written or printed upon parchment, and signed by some Grand Master, his Deputy, the Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary, sealed with the Grand Lodge seal; constituting particular persons therein named as Master and Wardens, with full power to congregate and hold a Lodge at such a place, and therein "make and admit Free Masons, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world; with full power and authority to nominate and choose their successors," etc.

He may also request the perusal of the By-Laws, which being short, he may read in the presence of his friend, and be shown a list of the members of the Lodge; by all which he will better be able to judge whether he

could associate with them, and render a ready conformity to their rules. Being thus *free* to judge for himself, he will not be liable to the dangers of deception. But, on the contrary, will be admitted into a society where he may converse with men of honor and honesty—be exercised in all the offices of brotherly love, and be made acquainted with some things which it is not lawful to speak of or make known *out of the Lodge.*

Previously to his introduction, every candidate ought to subscribe the following declaration:

"I, A.B., do seriously declare upon my honor, that unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry; that I am solely prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to my fellow creatures; and that I will cheerfully conform to the ancient established usages and customs of the society. As witness my hand, this day of in the year ." A. B.

F. D. }
D. F. } Witnesses.

CHAPTER II.—Of a Lodge and its Government.

I.—*Of a Lodge.*

A *Lodge* is a place where Masons assemble and work: hence that assembly, or duly organized society of Masons, is called a *Lodge*, and every brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its By-Laws and the general regulations. It is either particular or general, and will be best understood by attending it, and by the regulations of the General or Grand Lodge hereunto annexed. In ancient time no Master or fellow could be absent from it, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

II.—*Of Officers and Members in general.*

A Lodge ought to assemble for work at least once in every calendar month; and must consist of one Master, two Wardens, senior and junior, one Secretary, one Treasurer, two Deacons, one or more Stewards, a Tyler, and as many members as the Master and the majority of the Lodge shall think proper: although more than forty or fifty, when they can attend regularly, as the wholesome rules of the Craft require, are generally found inconvenient for working to advantage; and, therefore, when a Lodge comes to be thus numerous, some of the ablest Master workmen, and others under their direction, will obtain leave to separate and apply to the Grand

Lodge for a warrant to work by themselves, in order to the advancement of the Craft, as the laws hereafter to be delivered will more particularly show.

Every member of a working Lodge should be a Master Mason.

III.—*Of the Master—his Election, Office and Duty.*

All preferment among Masons depends on real worth and personal merit only, that the society may be well served, and the Royal Craft maintained.

No brother should be Master till he has at first served a Lodge acceptably in the office of Warden, unless in extraordinary cases, or when a new Lodge is to be formed, and no past or former Warden is to be found among the members. But, three Master Masons, although they have served in no such offices, if they be well learned, may be constituted Master and Wardens of such new Lodge, or of any old Lodge in like emergency; and it shall be their first duty to qualify themselves thoroughly for their office.

The Master of every Lodge shall be annually chosen by ballot on some stated Lodge night. Each member hath one vote. And when the ballot is closed, the former Master shall carefully examine the votes, and audibly declare him who hath the majority to be duly elected. In like manner shall the Lodge proceed in the choice of all the other officers; great care being taken that none be put in nomination for favor or affection, birth or fortune, exclusively of the consideration of real merit, and ability to fill the office for the honor and advancement of Masonry. No Mason chosen into any office can refuse to serve unless he has served in the same office before. The Master of every regular Lodge, thus duly elected and installed, has in special charge, as appertinent to his office, duty and dignity, to see that all the By-Laws of his Lodge, as well as the general regulations from the Grand Lodge be duly observed; that his Wardens discharge their office faithfully and be examples of diligence and sobriety to the Craft; that true and exact minutes and entries of all proceedings be made and kept by the Secretary; that the Treasurer keep and render exact and just accounts at the stated times, according to the By-Laws and orders of the Lodge; and, in general, that all the goods and moneys belonging to the body, be truly managed and dispensed, according to the vote and direction of the majority.

The Master shall also take care that no Apprentice or Fellow Craft be taken into his house or Lodge, unless he has sufficient employment for him, and finds him to be duly qualified, according to the rules before laid down for learning and understanding the sublime mysteries of the Art. Thus shall Apprentices be admitted, upon farther improvement, as Fellow Crafts; and, in due time, be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, animated with the prospect of passing in future through all the

higher honors of Masonry, viz: those of Wardens and Masters of their Lodges, and perhaps at length of Grand Wardens and Grand Masters of all the Lodges, according to their merit.

The Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of *calling* his Lodge, or congregating the members into a Chapter, at pleasure, upon application of any of the brethren, and upon any emergency and occurrence which, in his judgment, may require their meeting; and he is to fill the chair when present. It is likewise his duty, together with his Wardens, to attend the Grand Lodge at the quarterly communications, and such occasional or special grand communications as the good of the Craft may require, when duly summoned by the Grand Secretary, and within such reasonable distance of the place of holding the Grand Lodge as the laws of the same may have ascertained. When in the Grand Lodge, and at general as well as special communications, the Master and Wardens, or either of them, have full power and authority to represent their Lodge, and to transact all matters as well and truly as if the whole body were there present.

The Master has the right of appointing some brother, who is most commonly the Secretary of the Lodge, to keep the book of By-Laws, and other laws given to the Lodge by proper authority; and in this book shall also be kept the names of the members of the Lodge, and a list of all the Lodges within the same grand communication, with the usual times and places of their meeting.

IV.—*Of the Wardens of a Lodge.*

1. None but Master Masons can be Wardens of a Lodge.

2. The Senior Warden succeeds to all the duties of the Master, and fills the chair when he is absent. If the Master goes abroad on business, resigns, or is deposed, the Senior Warden shall fill his place until the next stated time of election. And although it was formerly held, that in such cases the Master's authority ought to revert to the last Past Master who is present, yet it is now the settled rule that the authority devolves upon the Senior Warden, and in his absence, upon the Junior Warden, even although a former Master be present. But the Wardens will generally honor a Past Master that may be present, and will call on him to take the chair, upon the presumption of his experience and skill in conducting the business of the Lodge.

Nevertheless, such Past Master still holds his authority under the Senior Warden, and cannot act until he congregates the Lodge. If none of the officers be present, nor any former Master to take the chair, the members, according to seniority and merit, shall fill the places of the absent officers.

The business of the Wardens in the Lodge is, generally, to assist the

Master in conducting the business and managing the Craft, in due order and form, when the Master is present. Particular Lodges do, likewise, by their By-Laws, assign particular duties to their Wardens for their own better government; which such Lodges have a right to do, provided they transgress not the old land-marks, nor in any degree violate the true *genius and spirit of Masonry.*

V.—*Of the Secretary of a Lodge.*

The Secretary shall keep a proper register or record of all transactions and proceedings of the Lodge that are to be committed to writing; which shall be faithfully entered in the Lodge books, from the minutes taken in open Lodge, after being duly read, amended if necessary, and approved of before the close of every meeting, in order that the said transactions, or authentic copies, may be laid before the Grand Lodge once in every quarter, if required.

In particular, the Secretary shall keep exact lists of all the members of the Lodge, with the admission of new members; and shall prepare and send to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, the list of members, together with all expulsions and rejections for the time being, to the intent that the Grand Secretary, and consequently the members of the Grand Lodge, may be at all times enabled to know the names and number of members in each Lodge under their jurisdiction, with the hand-writing of the different officers, and pay all due respect to the brethren recommended by them.

VI.—*Of the Treasurer of a Lodge.*

The Treasurer is to receive and keep exact accounts of all moneys raised, or paid, according to rule, for the advancement of the Lodge and benefit of the brethren, and to pay all orders duly drawn upon him by the authority of the Lodge. He is to keep regular entries both of his receipts and expenses, and to have his books and vouchers always ready for examination at such stated times as the By-Laws require, or when specially called upon by order of the Master and brethren.

The Treasurer is likewise to have the charge and custody of the chest, jewels and furniture of the Lodge; unless when the Master and majority may judge it more convenient to appoint some other responsible brother for that particular duty, or when the officers of the Lodge may take the charge immediately upon themselves. But the warrant or charter is in the custody of the Master.

VII.—*Of the Deacons of a Lodge.*

The Deacons are to assist the Master and Wardens in the execution of their duty, to examine and welcome visiting brethren, to prepare candidates, and to perform such other services as are assigned them.

VII.—*Stewards.*

The Stewards are to provide refreshment, and make a regular report of the expense to the Treasurer, and to see that the clothing of the Lodge is in good order and always ready for use.

IX.—*Of the Tyler of a Lodge.*

In order that due decorum be observed, while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn, and for the preservation of secrecy and good harmony, a brother well skilled in the Master's part shall be appointed and paid for tyling the Lodge door, during the time of communication. Generally a brother is to be preferred to whom the fees of the office may be necessary and serviceable on account of his particular circumstances.

His duty is fixed by custom, and known to every brother. He is to be true and trusty, and to obey the special directions of the Lodge.

X.—*Of the Number to be Initiated.*

No Lodge shall make more than *five* new brethren at one time, nor shall any person be made or admitted a member of a Lodge without being proposed at least *one Lodge night* before, unless in cases of emergency, or by dispensation from the Grand Master, or his Deputy in his absence, that due notice may be given to all the members for the necessary inquiries into the candidate's character, and that there may be *unanimity* in the election and admission of members.

XI.—*Of Privileges in Lodges.*

The majority of every particular Lodge, when duly congregated, have the privilege of instructing their Master and Wardens for their conduct in the Grand Lodge and quarterly communications; and all particular Lodges, in the same general communication, shall, as much as possible, observe the same rules and usages, and appoint some of their members to visit each other in the different Lodges, as often as it may be convenient.

When it so happens that a Lodge cannot attend the communications of the Grand Lodge, they may appoint a brother, who is a Master Mason, and of real merit, and give him instructions to represent them, and vote in their behalf. He, bearing their certificate under the seal of the Lodge, and signed by the Master and Wardens, may, if approved by the officers of the Grand Lodge, take his seat among them, and vote and act in the name of the Lodge he represents. But no individual can appear for more than one Lodge at the same time.

Lodges shall have place according to the date of their Constitution.

If any Lodge shall cease to meet regularly for twelve months successively, its charter shall be void.

CHAPTER III.—Of the Behavior of Masons, as Members of a Lodge.

I.—*Of Attendance.*

Every brother ought to belong to some regular Lodge, and should always appear therein properly clothed; truly subjecting himself to all its By-Laws and the general regulations. He must attend all meetings, when duly summoned, unless he can offer to the Master and Wardens such plea of necessity for his absence as the said laws and regulations may admit.

By the ancient rules and usages of Masonry, which are generally adopted among the By-Laws of every Lodge, no plea was judged sufficient to excuse any absentee, unless he could satisfy the Lodge that he was detained by some extraordinary and unforeseen necessity.

None have a right to vote in the Lodge but such as are members.

No brother shall be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time.

II.—*Of Working.*

All Masons should work faithfully and honestly. All the working hours appointed by law, or confirmed by custom, are to be strictly observed.

The usual hours of working are, "from seven o'clock in the evening until ten, between the 25th of March and the 25th of September; and from six until nine, between the 25th of September and the 25th of March."

The Master and Masons shall faithfully finish their work.

None shall envy a brother's prosperity, or put him out of his work, if capable of finishing it.

All Masons shall receive their wages without murmuring. They must avoid all unbecoming modes of expression; and shall call each other brother, in the Lodge.

III.—*Of Behavior in the Lodge.*

While the Lodge is open for work, Masons must hold no private conversation or committees, without leave from the Master; nor talk of anything foreign or impertinent, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any brother addressing himself to the chair; nor behave inattentively while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; but every brother shall pay due reverence to the Master and Wardens, and all his fellows.

Every brother guilty of a fault shall submit to the Lodge, unless he appeal to the Grand Lodge.

No private offenses, or disputes about nations, families, religions or politics, must be brought within the doors of the Lodge.

IV.—*Of Behavior after the Lodge is closed.*

When the Lodge is closed, and the labor finished, the brethren, before they depart home to their rest, may enjoy themselves with *innocent* mirth, enlivened and exalted with their own peculiar songs and sublime pieces of music; but avoiding all *excess*, considering each other, in the hours both of labor and festivity, as always free. And, therefore, no brother is to be hindered from going home when he pleases; for although, after Lodge hours, Masons are as other men, yet if they should fall into excess, the blame, though unjustly, may be cast upon the fraternity, by the ignorant or the envious.

CHAPTER IV.—Of the Behavior of Masons in their Private Character.

I.—*When a number of Brethren happen to meet, without any Stranger among them, and not in a Lodge.*

In such case you are to salute each other in a courteous manner, as you are or may be instructed in the Lodge, and freely communicating hints of knowledge, but without disclosing secrets, unless to those who have given proof of their taciturnity and honor. Masonry divests no man of the honors due to him before, or that may become due after he was made a Mason. On the contrary, it increases respect, teaching us to add to all his other honors those which, as Masons, we cheerfully pay to an eminent brother, distinguishing him above all of his rank and station, and serving him readily according to our ability.

II.—*When in the presence of Strangers, who are not Masons.*

Before those who are not Masons, you must be cautious in your words and carriage; so that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover what is not proper to be intimated. The impertinent and ensnaring questions, or ignorant and idle discourse of those who seek to pry into the secrets and mysteries of the craft, must be prudently answered and managed, or the discourse wisely diverted to another subject, as your discretion and duty shall direct.

III.—*When at Home, and in your Neighborhood.*

Masons ought to be moral men. Consequently they should be good husbands, good parents, good sons, and good neighbors; avoiding all excess injurious to themselves or families, and wise as to all affairs, both of their own household and of the Lodge, for certain reasons known to themselves.

IV.—*Of Behavior towards a foreign Brother or Stranger.*

You are cautiously to examine a stranger or foreign brother, as prudence and the rules of the craft direct, that you may not be imposed upon by a pretender; and if you discover any one to be such, you are to reject him, but with proper caution. But such as are found to be true and faithful, you are to respect as brothers, relieving them, if in want, to your utmost power, or directing them how to find relief; and employing them, if you can, or else recommending them to employment.

V.—*Of Behavior towards a Brother, whether present or absent.*

Free and Accepted Masons have ever been charged to avoid all slander of true and faithful brethren, with all malice and unjust resentment, or talking disrespectfully of a brother's person or performance. Nor must they suffer any to spread unjust reproaches or calumnies against a brother behind his back, nor to injure him in his fortune, occupation, or character; but they shall defend such a brother, and give him notice of any danger or injury wherewith he may be threatened, to enable him to escape the same, as far as is consistent with honor, prudence, and the safety of religion, morality, and the State, but no further.

VI.—*Concerning Differences and Law Suits, if any such should unhappily arise among Brethren.*

If a brother do you injury, or if you have any difference with him about any worldly or temporal business or interest, apply first to your own or his Lodge, to have the matter in dispute adjusted by the brethren. And if either party be not satisfied with the determination of the Lodge, an appeal may be made to the Grand Lodge; and you are never to enter into a law suit, until the matter cannot be decided as above. And if it be a matter that wholly concerns Masonry, law suits are to be entirely avoided, and the good advice of prudent brethren is to be followed, as they are the best referees of such differences.

But where references are either impracticable or unsuccessful, and courts of law or equity must at last decide, you must still follow the general rules of Masonry, avoiding all wrath, malice, rancor, and personal ill will, in carrying on the suit with a brother; neither saying or doing anything to prevent the continuance or renewal of that brotherly love and friendship which are the glory and cement of this ancient fraternity.

Thus shall we show to all the world the benign influences of Masonry, as wise, true and faithful brethren have done from the beginning of time, and as all who shall follow us, and would be thought worthy of that name, will continue to do.

☞ These charges, and such others as shall be given to you *in a way*

that cannot be written, you are strictly and conscientiously to observe; and that they may be the better observed, they should be read or made known to new brethren at their *making,* and at other times, as the Master shall direct.—Amen!

CHAPTER V.

I.—*Of Grand Lodges in general.*

A Grand Lodge consists of the Masters and Wardens of all the regular Lodges within its jurisdiction, with the Grand Master at their head, the Deputy Grand Master on his left, and the Grand Wardens in their proper places; attended, also, by the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Tyler, Grand Pursuivant, and other necessary officers, as will be explained in the proper places; all of whom must be Master Masons.

No new Lodge is acknowledged, nor can their officers be admitted into the Grand Lodge until such new Lodge is first regularly *constituted,* and registered by the authority of the Grand Lodge.

All Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past Grand Wardens, are considered as members of, and admitted to vote in all Grand Lodges. By courtesy, as well as custom, Past Masters, Past Grand Secretaries, and Past Grand Treasurers, have the privilege of sitting in all the Grand Lodges, and voting in such matters as by the rules of the Grand Lodge they might or could have voted in, while in office.

No Master, Warden, or other member of the Grand Lodge, should ever attend the same, without the jewels which he ought to wear in his own particular Lodge, except for some good and sufficient reason to be allowed of in the Grand Lodge. And when the officer of any particular Lodge, from such urgent business, or necessity, as may regularly plead his excuse, cannot personally attend the Grand Lodge, he may nominate and send a brother of his Lodge, with his jewel and clothing, to supply his room, and support the honor of his Lodge in the Grand Lodge.

A brother of eminence, and of the rank of Master, having business, or whose attendance is necessary in any point of evidence or intelligence, may be admitted into the Grand Lodge upon motion or leave asked and given; but such brother, thus admitted, shall have no vote, nor be allowed to speak to any question, without leave, or unless desired to give his opinion.

The Grand Lodge shall meet four times a year, statedly, for quarterly communications, and should also have occasional meetings and adjournments, monthly or otherwise, as business may require; and such meetings shall be held in the hall of the Grand Lodge, unless for some particular

reason the Grand Master should think fit to appoint some other place of special meeting.

All matters in the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, unless the Grand Lodge leave any particular thing to the determination of the Grand Master.

The business of the Grand Lodge, whether at quarterly communications or other meetings, is seriously to communicate and consider, transact and settle all matters that concern the prosperity of the Craft and the fraternity in general, or private Lodges and brethren in particular. Thus, all differences that cannot be accommodated privately, nor by a particular Lodge, are to be seriously considered and decided. And if any brother thinks himself aggrieved by such decision, he may, by lodging an appeal in writing with the Grand Secretary, have the matter re-heard, and finally determined upon at the next ensuing quarterly communication, provided it be not the annual Grand Lodge, or the feast days of St. John; on which, by the new and wise regulations, it is agreed and ordered that no petitions or appeals shall be heard, nor any business transacted that tends to interrupt the harmony of the assembly, but all shall be referred to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge. And in general, whatever business cannot be transacted or finished at any one meeting of the Grand Lodge, may be either adjourned to the next, or referred to a proper committee, to be by them heard, considered and reported upon to the said next meeting.

The officers of all private Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, shall, at every quarterly communication, (except the distant Lodges, which shall, annually, on or before the festival of St. John the Evangelist,) deliver an exact list of such members as have been made, or even admitted by them since the last preceding communication; and books shall be kept in the Grand Lodge by some able brother, to be appointed Grand Secretary, in which the said lists and returns shall be duly recorded, together with all the Lodges in communication, the usual times and places of their assembly, and the names of all their members. In the said books are also to be registered all the proceedings and other affairs of the Grand Lodge *which are proper to be written.*

The Grand Lodge shall likewise consider of the most prudent and effectual means of collecting and managing what money may accrue to the general charity fund.

II.—*Of the Election of the Grand Master.*

The Grand Lodge must meet in some convenient place, in order to elect new or reäppoint the old officers; and such election or reäppointment shall be made in such season that the Grand Lodge may be completely organized and duly prepared for the celebration of the annual feast in June, and other important business of the season.

The election shall be made either by holding up of hands, or by ballot, as may be agreed by the majority, on motion made and seconded for that purpose; provided, always, that the brother recommended by the Grand Master in office, as his successor, be the first voted for, either by holding up of hands or by ballot, and if he is not chosen, the other candidates in the order they were proposed, until one has the majority of voices or ballots. When the election is thus made, he is to be proclaimed, installed and saluted, if present; but if not present, a day is to be appointed for this ceremony. The ceremony of installing the new Grand Master is to be conducted by the last Grand Master; but he may, nevertheless, order any brother well skilled in the ceremony to assist him, or act as his deputy on the occasion.

In case the new Grand Master, when nominated or chosen, cannot attend at the time appointed for his installment, he may be installed by proxy, on signifying his acceptance of the office; but such proxy must be either the last or a former Grand Master, or else a very reputable Past Master.

III.—*Of the Election or Appointment of the Deputy Grand Master.*

The last Grand Master thus continued, or a new Grand Master thus appointed and installed, hath an inherent right to nominate and appoint the Deputy Grand Master; because, as the Grand Master cannot be supposed to be able to give his attendance on every emergency, it hath been always judged necessary, not only to allow him a Deputy, but that such Deputy should be a person in whom he can perfectly confide, and with whom he can have full harmony.

IV.—*Of the Grand Wardens.*

The Grand Lodge has the right of electing the Grand Wardens, and any member has a right to propose one or both the candidates, either the old Wardens or new ones; and the two persons who have the majority of votes or ballots, are declared duly elected.

V.—*Of the Grand Secretary.*

The office of Grand Secretary hath become one of great importance in the Grand Lodge. All the transactions of the Lodge are to be drawn into form, and duly recorded by him. All petitions, applications and appeals, are to pass through his hands. No warrant, certificate, or instrument of writing from the Grand Lodge, is authentic without his attestation and signature, and his affixing the grand seal as the laws require. The general correspondence with Lodges and brethren over the whole world, is to be managed by him, agreeably to the voice of the Grand Lodge, and directions of the Grand Master or his Deputy, whom he must, therefore, be

always ready to attend, with the books of the Lodge, in order to give all necessary information concerning the general state of matters, and what is proper to be done upon any emergency.

For these reasons, at every annual election or appointment of Grand Officers, the nomination or appointment of the Grand Secretary has been considered as the right of the Grand Master, being properly his amanuensis, and an officer as necessary to him as his Deputy. But in America, Grand Masters, not being tenacious of prerogative, have relinquished this privilege, and the Grand Secretary is chosen by nomination and vote of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, by virtue of his office, is a member of the Grand Lodge, and may sit and vote accordingly.

The Grand Secretary may have an assistant, with the consent of the Grand Lodge; but he will not be considered as a member, nor admitted to vote.

VI.—*Of the Election and Office of Grand Treasurer.*

The Grand Treasurer is elected by the body of the Grand Lodge, in the same manner as the Grand Wardens: he being considered as an officer peculiarly responsible to all the members in due form assembled, as having the charge of their common stock and property. To him is committed the care of all money raised for the general charity, and other uses of the Grand Lodge; an account of which he is regularly to enter in a book, with the respective uses for which the several sums are intended. He is likewise to pay out, or expend the same upon such orders, signed, as the rules of the Grand Lodge, in this respect, shall allow to be valid.

The Grand Treasurer, by virtue of his office, is a member of the Grand Lodge. He shall always be present in the Lodge, and ready to attend the Grand Master, and other Grand Officers, with his books for inspection, when required; and likewise any committee that may be appointed for adjusting and examining his account.

VII.—*Of the Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant.*

These officers of the Grand Lodge must be Master Masons, but none of them are members of the Grand Lodge. The Tyler's duty is to attend at the door, to see that none but members enter into the Lodge.

The business of the Pursuivant is to stand at the inward door of the Grand Lodge, and to report the names and titles of all that want admittance, as given to him by the Tyler. He is also to go upon messages and perform other services known in the Lodge.

☞ The Grand Deacons, whose duty is well known in the Grand Lodge, as particular assistants to the Grand Master and Senior Warden, in conducting the business of the Lodge, are always members of the same; and

may be either nominated occasionally on every Lodge night, or appointed annually.

VIII.—*General Rules for conducting the Business of the Grand Lodge, in case of the absence of any of the Grand Officers.*

If the Grand Master is absent at any meeting of the Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, the Deputy is to supply his place.

If the Deputy be likewise absent, the Senior Grand Warden takes the chair, and in his absence the Junior Grand Warden. All Grand Officers, Present and Past, take place of every Master of a Lodge, and the present Grand Officers, take place of all Past Grand Officers. Nevertheless, any of them may resign their privilege, to do honor to any eminent brother and Past Master, whom the Lodge may be willing to place in the chair on any particular occasion.

If the Grand Officers are not present at any Grand Lodge duly summoned, the Master of the Senior private Lodge who may be present, is to take the chair, although there may be Masters of Lodges present who are older Masons.

But to prevent disputes, the Grand Master, when he finds he must be necessarily absent from any Grand Lodge, usually gives a special commission, under his hand and seal of office, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to the Senior Grand Warden; or in his absence, to the Junior; or in case of the absence of both, to any other Grand Officer, or particular Master of a Lodge, Past or Present, to supply his place, if the Deputy Grand Master be necessarily absent.

But if there be no special commission, the general rule of precedence is, that the Junior Grand Warden supplies the place of the Senior in his absence; and if both are absent, the oldest former Grand Wardens take place immediately, and act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore*, unless they resign their privilege.

When neither the Grand Wardens of the present nor of any former year, are in company, the Grand Master, or he that legally presides in his stead, calls forth whom he pleases to act as Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, although the preference is generally given to the Master or Past Master of the oldest Lodge present. The presiding Grand Officer has the further privilege of appointing a Secretary, or any other Grand Officer, if neither the stated officers, nor the deputies of such of them as have a right to nominate a deputy, be present.

In case of the death of a Grand Master, the same order of succession and precedency takes place, as above set forth, until a new Grand Master is duly chosen and installed.

Old Grand Officers may be again chosen officers of private Lodges, and this does not deprive them of any of the privileges to which, as old Grand

Officers, they are entitled in the Grand Lodge; only, an old Grand Officer, being the officer of a private Lodge, must depute a past officer of his particular Lodge to act for him in the Grand Lodge, when he ascends to his former rank in the same.

IX.—*Of Grand Visitations, Communications, Annual Feasts, etc.*

The Grand Master, with his Deputy, the Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary, shall, if possible, annually go at least once round, and visit all the Lodges under his jurisdiction; or, when this laudable duty becomes impracticable, from the extent of his jurisdiction and large number of Lodges, he shall, as often as necessary, and if possible, annually, appoint visitors, of different districts, composed of his Grand Officers, and such other assistants as he may think proper, who shall make faithful report of their proceedings to the Grand Lodge, according to the instructions given them.

When both the Grand Masters are absent, the Senior or Junior Grand Warden may preside as Deputy in visiting Lodges, or in constituting any new Lodge.

The brethren of all the regular Lodges, in the same general jurisdiction and grand communication, shall meet in some convenient place on St. John's day, to celebrate their festival, either in their own or any other regular Lodge, as they shall judge most convenient. And any brethren, who are found true and faithful members of the Ancient Craft, may be admitted. But only those who are members of the Grand Lodge, must be present during the installation of Grand Officers.

CHAPTER VI.

I.—*General Regulations of the Free and Accepted Masons.*

I. The Grand Master, or Deputy, has full authority and right not only to be present, but also to preside in every Lodge, with the Master of the Lodge on his left hand: and to order his Grand Wardens to attend him, who are not to act as Wardens of particular Lodges, but in his presence, and at his command; for the Grand Master, while in a particular Lodge, may command the Wardens of that Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens *pro tempore.*

II. The Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of congregating the members of his Lodge into a Chapter, upon an emergency or occurrence, as well as to appoint the time and place of their usual forming; and, in case of death or sickness, or necessary absence of the Master, the Senior Warden shall act as Master *pro tempore*, if no brother is present who has been Master of that Lodge before; for the absent Master's author-

ity reverts to the last Master present, though he can not act till the Senior Warden congregates the Lodge.

III. The Master of each particular Lodge, or one of the Wardens, or some other brother, by appointment of the Master, shall keep a book containing their By-Laws, the names of their members, and a list of all the Lodges in town, with the usual times and places of their forming, and also the transactions of their own Lodge, that are proper to be written.

IV. No Lodge shall make more than five new brothers at one and the same time, without an urgent necessity; nor any man under the age of twenty-five years, (who must also be his own master,) unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master.

V. No man can be accepted a member of a particular Lodge, without previous notice one month before given to the Lodge, in order to make due inquiry into the reputation and capacity of the candidate, unless by a dispensation.

VI. But no man can be entered a brother in any particular Lodge, or admitted a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that Lodge then present, when the candidate is proposed; and when their consent is formally asked by the Master, they are to give their consent in their own prudent way, either virtually or in form, but with unanimity; nor is this inherent privilege subject to a dispensation, because the members of a particular Lodge are the best judges of it; and because, if a turbulent member should be imposed on them, it might spoil their harmony, or hinder the freedom of their communication, or even break or disperse the Lodge, which ought to be avoided by all that are true and faithful.

VII. Every new brother, at his entry, is decently to clothe the Lodge, that is, all the brethren present, and to deposit something for the relief of the indigent and decayed brethren, as the candidate shall think fit to bestow over and above the small allowance that may be stated in the By-Laws of that particular Lodge, which charity shall be kept by the Cashier; also, the candidate shall solemnly promise to submit to the constitution, and other good usages that shall be intimated to him in time and place convenient.

VIII. No set or number of brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they were made, or were afterwards admitted members, unless the Lodge become too numerous; nor even then, without a dispensation from the Grand Master or Deputy; and when thus separated, they must either immediately join themselves to such other Lodges that they shall like best, who are willing to receive them, or else obtain the Grand Master's warrant to join in forming a new Lodge, to be regularly constituted in good time.

If any set or number of Masons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without the Grand Master's warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them, nor own them as fair brethren, duly formed, nor approve

of their acts and deeds; but must treat them as rebels, until they humble themselves as the Grand Master shall, in his prudence direct, and until he approve of them by his warrant signified to the other Lodges, as the custom is when a new Lodge is to be registered in the Grand Lodge book.

IX. But if any brother so far misbehave himself as to render his Lodge uneasy, he shall be thrice duly admonished by the Master and Wardens in that Lodge formed; and if he will not refrain his imprudence, nor obediently submit to the advice of his brethren, he shall be dealt with according to the By-Laws of that particular Lodge; or else in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall, in their great prudence, think fit, for which a new regulation may be afterwards made.

X. The majority of every particular Lodge, when congregated, not else, shall have privilege of giving instructions to their Master and Wardens before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, because the said officers are their representatives, and supposed to speak the sentiments of their brethren at the said Grand Lodge.

XI. All particular Lodges are to observe the like usages as much as possible; in order to which, and also for cultivating a good understanding among Freemasons, some members of every Lodge shall be deputed to visit other Lodges as often as shall be thought convenient.

XII. The Grand Lodge consists of, and is formed by, the Masters and Wardens of all the particular Lodges upon record, with the Grand Master at their head, the Deputy on his left hand, and the Grand Wardens in their places.

These must have their quarterly communications, or monthly meetings and adjournments, as often as occasion requires, in some convenient place, as the Grand Master shall appoint, where none shall be present but its own proper members, without leave asked and given; and while such a stranger, though a brother, stays, he is not allowed to vote, nor even to speak to any question without leave of the Grand Lodge, or unless he is desired to give his opinion.

All matters in the Grand Lodge are determined by a majority of votes, each member having one vote, and the Grand Master two votes, unless the Grand Lodge leave any particular thing to the determination of the Grand Master for the sake of expedition.

XIII. At the Grand Lodge meetings, all matters that concern the fraternity in general, or particular Lodges, or single brothers, are sedately and maturely to be discoursed of.

1. Apprentices must be admitted Fellow Crafts and Masters only here, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master.

2. Here also all differences that cannot be made up or accommodated privately, nor by a particular Lodge, are to be seriously considered and decided; and if any brother thinks himself aggrieved by the decision, he

may appeal to the Grand Lodge next ensuing, and leave his appeal in writing with the Grand Master, the Deputy, or Grand Wardens.

3. Hither also all the officers of particular Lodges shall bring a list of such members as have been made, or even admitted by them since the last Grand Lodge.

4. There shall be books kept by the Grand Master or Deputy, or rather by some other brother appointed Secretary of the Grand Lodge, wherein shall be recorded all the Lodges, with the usual times and places of their forming, and the names of all the members of each Lodge; also all the affairs of the Grand Lodge that are proper to be written.

5. The Grand Lodge shall consider of the most prudent and effectual means of collecting and disposing of what money shall be lodged with them on charity, towards the relief only of any true brother fallen into poverty and decay, but none else.

6. But each particular Lodge may dispose of their own charity for poor brothers, according to their own By-Laws, until it be agreed by all the Lodges in a new regulation, to carry in the charity collected by them to the Grand Lodge at their quarterly or annual communication, in order to make a common stock for the more handsome relief of poor brethren.

7. They shall appoint a Treasurer, a brother of worldly substance, who shall be a member of the Grand Lodge by virtue of his office, and shall be always present, and have power to move to the Grand Lodge any thing that concerns his office.

8. To him shall be committed all money raised for the general charity, or for any other use of the Grand Lodge, which he shall write down in a book, with the respective ends and uses for which the several sums are intended, and shall expend or disburse the same by such a certain order signed, as the Grand Lodge shall hereafter agree by a new regulation.

But by virtue of his office, as Treasurer, without any other qualification, he shall not vote in choosing a new Grand Master and Grand Wardens, though in every other transaction.

9. In like manner the Secretary shall be a member of the Grand Lodge, by virtue of his office, and shall vote in every thing, except in choosing Grand Officers.

10. The Treasurer and Secretary may each have a clerk or assistant if they think fit, who must be a brother and a Master Mason, but must never be a member of the Grand Lodge, nor speak without being allowed or commanded.

11. The Grand Master or Deputy have authority always to command the Treasurer and Secretary to attend him, with their clerks and books, in order to see how matters go on, and to know what is expedient to be done upon an emergency.

12. Another brother and Master Mason should be appointed the Tyler, to look after the door; but he must be no member of the Grand Lodge.

13. But these offices may be further explained by a new regulation, when the necessity or expediency of them may more appear than at present to the fraternity.

XIV. If at any Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, monthly or annual, the Grand Master and Deputy should both be absent, then the present Master of a Lodge that has longest been a Freemason, shall take the chair and preside as Grand Master *pro tempore*, and shall be vested with all the honor and power for the time being, provided there is no brother present that has been Grand Master or Deputy formerly; for the last former Grand Master or Deputy in company takes place of right, in the absence of a Grand Master or Deputy.

XV. In the Grand Lodge none can act as Wardens but the present Grand Wardens, if in company; and, if absent, the Grand Master shall order private Wardens to act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore*, whose places are to be supplied by two Fellow Crafts or Master Masons of the same Lodge, called forth to act, or sent thither by the Master thereof; or if by him omitted, the Grand Master, or he that presides, shall call them forth to act, so that the Grand Lodge may be always complete.

XVI. 1. The Grand Wardens, or any others, are first to advise with the Deputy about the affairs of the Lodges or private single brothers, and are not to apply to the Grand Master without the knowledge of the Deputy, unless he refuses his concurrence.

2. In which case, or in case of any difference of sentiment between the Deputy and Grand Wardens, or other brothers, both parties are to go to the Grand Master by consent, who, by virtue of his great authority and power, can easily decide the controversy and make up the difference.

3. The Grand Master should not receive any private intimation of business concerning Masons and Masonry, but from his Deputy first, except in such cases as his Worship can easily judge of; and if the application to the Grand Master be irregular, his Worship can order the Grand Wardens, or any so applying, to wait upon the Deputy, who is speedily to prepare the business and lay it orderly before his Worship.

XVII. No Grand Master, Grand Warden, Treasurer or Secretary, or whoever acts for them, or in their stead, *pro tempore*, can, at the same time, act as the Master or Warden of a particular Lodge; but as soon as any of them has discharged his public office, he returns to that post or station in his particular Lodge from which he was called to officiate.

XVIII. 1. If the Deputy be sick, or necessarily absent, the Grand Master can choose any brother he pleases to act as his Deputy *pro tempore*.

2. But he that is chosen Deputy at the installation, and also the Grand

Wardens, cannot be discharged unless the cause fairly appear to the Grand Lodge.

3. For the Grand Master, if he is uneasy, may call a Grand Lodge on purpose to lay the cause before them for their advice and concurrence.

And if the members of the Grand Lodge cannot reconcile the Grand Master with his Deputy or Wardens, they are to allow the Grand Master to discharge his Deputy or Wardens, and to choose another Deputy immediately; and the same Grand Lodge, in that case, shall forthwith choose other Grand Wardens, so that harmony and peace may be preserved.

XIX. If the Grand Master should abuse his great power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience and submission of the Lodge, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a new regulation, because hitherto the ancient fraternity have had no occasion for it.

XX. The Grand Master, with his Deputy, Grand Wardens, and Secretary, shall, at least once, go around and visit all the Lodges about town during his mastership.

XXI. If the Grand Master dies during his mastership, or, by sickness, or by being beyond sea, or any other way be rendered incapable of discharging his office, the Deputy, or, in his absence, the Senior Grand Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Grand Warden, or, in his absence, any three Masters of Lodges, shall assemble at the Grand Lodge immediately, in order to advise together upon the emergency, and to send two of their number to invite the last Grand Master to resume his office, which now of course reverts to him; and if he refuses to act, then the next last, and so backward; but if no former Grand Master be found, the present Deputy shall act as principal till a new Grand Master is chosen; or, if there be no Deputy, then the oldest Mason, the present Master of a Lodge.

XXII. The brethren of all the regular Lodges in and near the city of London, shall meet in some convenient place on every St. John's day; and when business is over, they may repair to their festival dinners, as they shall think most convenient; and when St. John's day happens to be on a Sunday, then the public meeting shall be on the next Monday.

The Grand Lodge must meet in some convenient place on St. John the Evangelist's day, in every year, in order to proclaim the new or recognize the old Grand Master, Deputy and Grand Wardens.

XXIII. If the present Grand Master shall consent to continue a second year, then one of the Grand Lodge deputed for that purpose, shall represent to all the brethren, his Worship's good government, etc., and turning to him, shall, in the name of the Grand Lodge, humbly request him to do the fraternity the great honor—if nobly born, if not, the great kindness—of continuing to be their Grand Master for the year ensuing; and his Worship declaring his consent thereto, in manner he thinks proper, the Grand Secretary shall thrice proclaim him aloud: GRAND MASTER OF MASONS.

All the members of the Grand Lodge shall salute him in due form, according to the ancient and laudable custom of Free Masons.

XXIV. The present Grand Master shall nominate his successor for the year ensuing; who, if unanimously approved of by the Grand Lodge, and there present, he shall be proclaimed, saluted and congratulated, the new Grand Master, as before hinted; and immediately installed by the last Grand Master, according to an ancient usage.

But if that nomination is not unanimously approved, the new Grand Master shall be chosen immediately by ballot, viz: every Master and Warden writing his man's name, and the last Grand Master writing his man's name too, and the man whose name the last Grand Master shall first take out casually, or by chance, shall be Grand Master of Masons for the year ensuing; and, if present, he shall be proclaimed, saluted and congratulated, as before hinted, and forthwith installed by the last Grand Master, according to usage.

XXV. 1. The last Grand Master thus continued, or the new Grand Master thus installed, shall next, as his inherent right, nominate and appoint his Deputy Grand Master, either the last or a new one, who shall also be proclaimed, saluted and congratulated, in due form.

2. The new Grand Master shall also nominate his new Grand Wardens; and, if unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge, they shall also be forthwith proclaimed, saluted and congratulated, in due form.

XXVI. That if the brother whom the present Grand Master shall nominate for his successor, or whom the Grand Lodge shall choose by ballot, as above, be out of town and has returned his answer, that he will accept of the office of Grand Master, he shall be proclaimed, as before, in regulation XXIII, and may be installed by proxy, which proxy must be the present or former Grand Master, who shall act in his name, and receive the usual honors, homage and congratulations.

XXVII. Every Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make new regulations, or to alter these for the real benefit of the ancient fraternity; provided always, that the old landmarks be carefully preserved, and that such new regulations and alterations be proposed and agreed to by the Grand Lodge, and that they be submitted to the perusal of all the brethren, in writing, whose approbation and consent, or the majority thereof, is absolutely necessary to make the same binding and obligatory; which must, therefore, after the new Grand Master is installed, be solemnly desired and obtained from the Grand Lodge, as it was for these old regulations, by a great number of brethren.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments, and remove not the ANCIENT LANDMARK which thy fathers have set.—SOLOMON.

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

WHEREAS, every Grand Lodge possesses the inherent power to form a Constitution, as the fundamental law of its Masonic action, and to enact such By-Laws, from time to time, as it may deem necessary for its own government; and to make such rules and prescribe such regulations for the administration of its subordinate Lodges as will insure the prosperity thereof, and promote the general good of Masonry: And WHEREAS, every Grand Lodge is the true representative of all the fraternity in communication therewith, and is in that behalf an absolute and independent body, with supreme legislative authority: *Provided, always,* That the ancient landmarks of the Order be held inviolate: *Therefore,* upon these principles, which have never been disputed, THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO does hereby ordain, establish and promulgate the following CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS, for its future government; and does make and prescribe the following RULES and REGULATIONS for the government of the Lodges under its jurisdiction:

ARTICLE I.

This Grand Lodge shall forever hereafter be known by the name and style of The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, of the State of Ohio.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Orator, Grand Lecturer, Grand Marshal, Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, and Grand Tyler; with such other officers as it may from time to time create; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted, of the chartered Lodges under its jurisdiction; and such Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters, as shall be present and are members of a subordinate Lodge.

Article III.

The Grand Lodge shall hold a stated communication at least once in every two years, at such time and in such place as may be designated in its By-Laws.

Article IV.

The Grand Lodge shall not be opened, nor shall any business be transacted therein, unless there be present a representative from at least ten of the chartered Lodges; but a smaller number may meet and adjourn from day to day, until a constitutional quorum shall attend.

Article V.

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be styled and take rank as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,
" Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,
" Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,
" Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,
" Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer,
" Right Worshipful Grand Secretary,
" Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain,
" Right Worshipful Grand Orator,
" Right Worshipful Grand Lecturer,
" Right Worshipful Grand Marshal,
" Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon,
" Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon,
" Grand Tyler.

Article VI.

No brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, who has not been duly elected, installed and presided over a subordinate Lodge.

Article VII.

At each stated communication of the Grand Lodge, there shall be elected by ballot, from among the brethren who are at the time constitutionally eligible to seats therein, a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Senior Warden, a Grand Junior Warden, a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary; all other Grand Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge.

Article VIII.

No Grand Officer shall officiate in the station to which he is elected, until he has been legally installed.

Article IX.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has the right to convene the Grand Lodge, in special grand communication, on any emergency which in his judgment may require it. He has the power, at his discretion, to assemble any subordinate Lodge and preside therein, inspect its work, and require a strict conformity to the constitutional rules and regulations of the Order. For good cause he may suspend the functions of any such Lodge until the ensuing stated communication of the Grand Lodge. It is his prerogative to make Masons at sight, and for this purpose may summon to his assistance such brethren as he may deem necessary. He has the command of every other Grand Officer touching the duties and ministrations of their several offices; and may call on any and all of them, at any time, for advice and assistance on all business relative to the Craft.

Article X.

In case of the death, absence or inability of the Grand Master, the powers and duties of his station, for all regular and necessary purposes, shall for the time being devolve upon the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, or Junior Grand Warden, in the order here enumerated.

Article XI.

During recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, severally, have power to grant dispensations under their private seals for instituting new Lodges.

Article XII.

No dispensation shall be granted for constituting a new Lodge except upon the petition of eight Master Masons, one of whom must be a Past Master; and the recommendation of the Lodge nearest the location of the new Lodge, vouching for the moral character and Masonic qualifications of the petitioners.

Article XIII.

No warrant or dispensation, for the institution of a new Lodge, shall be granted for a less sum than fifty dollars.

Article XIV.

No charter or dispensation, for constituting new Lodges, shall be granted to any person or persons whomsoever, residing out of this State, if within the jurisdiction of any other constitutional Grand Lodge.

Article XV.

The Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and appellate jurisdiction from the decisions of

the subordinate Lodges; and its enactments and decisions upon all questions shall be the supreme Masonic law of the State. It shall prescribe such rules and regulations for the government of the subordinate Lodges as will, in its arbitrament, conduce to the welfare, prosperity and happiness of the Craft; and may require from them such dues and fees as will at all times discharge the engagements of the Grand Lodge.

Article XVI.

The Book of Constitutions, hereunto attached, this Grand Lodge does recognize and adopt as the fundamental laws, rules and regulations for the government of Masons; and declares that it should be frequently read and perused by Masters and other Craftsmen, as well within the subordinate Lodges as thereout, to the end that none may be ignorant of the excellent principles and precepts it inculcates.

Article XVII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended in the following manner only: The proposed alteration or amendment must be made in writing, at some stated communication; if seconded by a majority of votes, it shall be entered upon the minutes, and be thereby submitted to the several subordinate Lodges for their approval or rejection. If two-thirds of the Lodges approve thereof by certificate, over their respective seals, to the next succeeding Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall put the question upon its adoption; and if concurred in by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, it shall from thenceforth be considered as part and parcel of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS

OF

THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual communication of the Grand Lodge, except for good cause the same be adjourned for a longer period; but in no event shall such adjournment extend beyond the period of two years.

SEC. 2. The stated meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held at ——, on the —— day of ——, annually.

SEC. 3. On the day appointed for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, a Master Mason's Lodge shall be opened in ample form, at 10 o'clock A. M., when the M. W. Grand Master shall appoint a committee to examine visiting brethren, and a committee to examine credentials, each to consist of three members. So soon as a constitutional quorum of Lodges is ascertained to be present, the Grand Lodge of Ohio shall be declared open for the despatch of business, and the Grand Master shall then appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of not less than three nor more than five members, to wit: A committee on Accounts; a committee on Charters and Dispensations; a committee on Foreign Communications; a committee on Ways and Means; a committee on Charity; a committee on Grievances; a committee on Unfinished Business; a committee to prepare a Pay Roll; a committee on Masonic Jurisprudence; and a committee on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, whose duty it shall be to examine and correct such returns.

SEC. 4. The standing committees of the Grand Lodge shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to wit:

1. The committee to examine visiting brethren shall perform the duties of their appointment according to established Masonic usage.

2. The returns of the subordinate Lodges, and the credentials of representatives and proxies, shall be referred to the committee appointed to examine credentials, who shall report the number of Lodges that are represented, the names of the representatives and proxies, with the number of votes to which each is entitled.

3. It shall be the duty of the committee on Accounts to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, settle

and balance the same, and report the actual state of the funds to the Grand Lodge.

4. The committee on Charters and Dispensations shall particularly examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Lodges under dispensation, and the proceedings of the Grand Officers granting the same; they shall examine the amended By-Laws of all the chartered Lodges, submitted for the approval of the Grand Lodge; they will note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional in any of such work, records and By-Laws, and report to the Grand Lodge, with such recommendations as they shall deem meet and proper in the premises.

5. The foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge, including all communications made by other Grand Lodges, shall be referred to the committee on Foreign Communications, whose duty it shall be to examine the same, and report all matters found therein which affect the general or local welfare of the craft, accompanied with such recommendations as they may consider expedient.

6. It shall be the duty of the committee of Ways and Means to take into consideration the condition of the funds and estate of the Grand Lodge, and all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue which may be offered. They shall specifically report thereon; and may recommend any measures which, in their opinion, will operate financially for the benefit of the institution.

7. All applications for appropriations from the charity fund of the Grand Lodge, shall be submitted to the committee on Charity, who shall consider the same, and make report thereon to the Grand Lodge.

8. All matters of controversy and grievance brought before the Grand Lodge, shall be referred to the committee on Grievances, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report for the action of the Grand Lodge.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee on Unfinished Business to examine and report, from the journal of the previous session, all such matters as were then pending and undetermined.

10. It shall be the duty of the committee to prepare a Pay Roll, to ascertain and report the per diem and traveling compensation allowed to the representatives and members of the Grand Lodge.

11. It shall be the duty of the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to investigate and report upon all questions that may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge: *Provided*, that with the consent of the Grand Lodge, said committee may retain any question or paper referred to them, and report thereon at the next regular grand communication.

Sec. 5. It shall be considered the duty of the M. W. Grand Master to communicate in writing, immediately after the appointment of the standing committees, a statement of his official acts during the recess of the Grand

Lodge, with such other matters as he may deem advantageous to the craft. He shall also give to the Grand Lodge information upon subjects of Masonic interest, and recommend for its consideration any measures he shall deem expedient; which communication shall be referred to such appropriate committees as its various details require. The Deputy Grand Master shall also report, in writing, any official acts performed by him during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 6. The M. W. Grand Master is not authorized to make or second any motion; but on all questions where there is an equal division, he shall give the casting vote.

Sec. 7. It is the duty of the M. W. Grand Master to install his successor and his Deputy, when present; but he may, if he sees fit, authorize any worthy Past Master to install all the other Grand Officers.

Sec. 8. The M. W. Grand Master shall appoint, at each stated communication of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Steward, a Grand Sword Bearer, and two Grand Pursuivants.

Sec. 9. In the event of the death, resignation or removal of any of the Grand Officers, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master has authority to appoint any suitable brother to fill the vacant station, and to install him into office.

Sec. 10. It is the duty of the M. W. Grand Master in office, or *pro tempore*, to subscribe the Journal of the Grand Lodge, at every grand communication; and no transcript or minutes therefrom shall at any time be printed or published until examined by him, and subscribed as aforesaid.

Sec. 11. On all questions arising in the Grand Lodge, the Grand Officers, together with such Past Grand Masters, and Past Deputy Grand Masters as may be present and are members thereof, shall each be entitled to one vote; and the Master and Wardens of each subordinate Lodge, or their regularly constituted proxies, shall each be entitled to one vote; but in no case whatsoever shall a member, by virtue of any proxy or authority cast more than three votes.

Sec. 12. The Grand Tyler shall not, *ex officio*, be entitled to any vote in the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 13. It shall be competent for the Master and Wardens of any subordinate Lodge to appoint a suitable brother, being a member of some Lodge under this jurisdiction, his or their proxy to the Grand Lodge, certified under their official signatures; and it shall in like manner be competent for any Lodge, the officers of which decline attending the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and to appoint their proxies as aforesaid, to designate and make choice by resolution of some brother, having the qualifications aforesaid, the proxy of said Lodge; which resolution must be certified by the Secretary thereof, and shall entitle the brother appointed to three votes; *Provided, however*, That no Representative or proxy from a subordinate

Lodge, shall hold a seat in the Grand Lodge until he shall produce evidence that the Lodge he represents has discharged in full its Grand dues.

Sec. 14. All decisions of the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes given. The yeas and nays may be ordered upon any question at the request of three members, when the roll shall be called and every vote counted.

Sec. 15. The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds, securities and vouchers of the Grand Lodge, and shall pay all orders from the moneys on hand that may be directed by the Grand Lodge, or otherwise constitutionally drawn. It shall be his duty to attend all the communications of the Grand Lodge, with his books of account, vouchers for money paid out, and all necessary papers relating to his office, in order that the same may be inspected and his accounts settled; and he shall meet with any Grand committee when required, whose general or special province it may be to act in relation to the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge. Before entering upon any of the duties of his office, he shall give bond with security, as the Grand Lodge may direct, conditioned for the faithful discharge thereof.

Sec. 16. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Lodge; and he shall attend personally each grand communication, with the necessary books and papers of his office; he shall keep the seal of the Grand Lodge and affix the same with his attestation, to all instruments required to be so executed; he shall receive, receipt for, and immediately pay over to the Grand Treasurer, all Grand dues, fees and other moneys, handed in at any communication of the Grand Lodge, taking a proper voucher therefor; he shall keep a faithful journal of all its proceedings, distribute the same when ordered to be printed for circulation, and conduct any correspondence required of him under the orders of the Grand Lodge and the directions of the Grand Master; he shall procure all necessary books and stationery, and shall have charge of all the records, papers, parchments, certificates and documents, other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer; he shall do and perform any other duties customary to his office and the established usages of Masons; and for his services in full, he shall receive a salary of three hundred dollars per annum.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer to attend the communications of the Grand Lodge. He shall, under the advice and with the concurrence of the M. W. Grand Master, cause the work of the several Lodges to be uniform; and upon any question and difference of opinion arising in the discharge of this duty, the decision of the Grand Lodge when in session, and of the Grand Master at all other times, shall be final. He shall visit the subordinate Lodges when called upon for that purpose, and communicate the proper and uniform mode of work; and for his services, he shall be paid by the Lodge requiring them.

Sec. 18. Each subordinate Lodge is required to be represented at the stated communications of the Grand Lodge; such representation shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, one dollar and fifty cents for every twenty-five miles going to and returning therefrom, to be estimated by the most direct and traveled route, and two dollars for each day of attendance; *Provided*, that no brother shall receive compensation as the Representative of more than one Lodge, or more than one Representative from one Lodge; *And, provided also*, that no representative, delegate or proxy, who shall leave said Grand Lodge before it is closed, shall receive any compensation for his travel or attendance, unless he be excused by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 19. Every subordinate Lodge shall pay, annually, to the Grand Lodge, at the stated meetings thereof, the following Grand dues, to wit: For each initiation the sum of two dollars, and for each member the sum of twenty-five cents; but no Grand Lodge dues shall be required for any member for whom an initiation fee is paid during the same year.

Sec. 20. Every subordinate Lodge which shall not be represented for two successive Grand Communications, and neglects for two consecutive years to discharge its Grand dues, shall be suspended from all its Masonic functions; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to give such delinquent Lodge immediate notice thereof; and unless, within one year from date of suspension, the said Lodge shall faithfully discharge all arrearages, and show good cause to the contrary, it shall forfeit its Charter and be struck from the roll of Lodges; and in no case, and under no pretense whatever, shall such Lodge be resuscitated until all Grand dues be paid, together with a Dispensation fee of fifty dollars.

Sec. 21. When a Charter shall be surrendered, or become forfeit, the whole of the property of the subordinate Lodge, of every kind and description, shall be vested in the Grand Lodge and subject to its disposal.

Sec. 22. The subordinate Lodges shall have authority to assess such dues upon their members from time to time, as they shall deem just and expedient; and the By-Laws of each Lodge shall designate the amount of dues so assessed, and the times for the payment thereof, which shall be considered sufficient notice to each member. And it is hereby made the imperative duty of the Master to cause the Secretary to enter "suspended," every member who shall be in arrears, and forthwith to notify him of the same; if within a reasonable time thereafter, as the Lodge may determine, the member so suspended does not discharge his dues, he shall be expelled.

Sec. 23. The Master of each Lodge shall cause the Secretary to give immediate notice to the Grand Secretary, of every suspension or expulsion that is ordered in his Lodge, whether for non-payment of dues, or otherwise; and it is hereby declared, that suspension or expulsion for non-pay-

ment of dues, works an absolute forfeiture for the time being of all Masonic privileges.

Sec. 24. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, in making up the annual minutes of the Grand Lodge for publication, to embrace therein a list of the suspensions and expulsions from the several Subordinate Lodges, setting forth the cause in each particular case.

Sec. 25. Whenever the Grand Lodge shall abrogate the decision of a Subordinate Lodge suspending or expelling a brother, and thus restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be reinstated to membership in the Subordinate Lodge without its unanimous consent.

Sec. 26. Every society of Masons applying for a dispensation, shall, before the same be granted, deposit with the M. W. Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master issuing the same, the sum of fifty dollars for the use of the Grand Lodge, which shall entitle the Lodge so constituted to a Charter, provided its work is approved by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 27. No Dispensation shall authorize a Lodge to work beyond the period fixed for the next succeeding stated meeting of the Grand Lodge; at which time the Dispensation, together with a copy of its By-Laws, and a record of its proceedings, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge for inspection; when the Dispensation may be continued, a Charter granted, or its labors interdicted, as the Grand Lodge may deem meet.

Sec. 28. No Lodge under dispensation shall be permitted to hold a public celebration on any masonic occasion whatever, unless the consent of the M. W. Grand Master, or in his absence, of the Deputy Grand Master, be first obtained.

Sec. 29. No Lodge is authorized to commence work under its Charter until the officers thereof have been regularly installed; and for this purpose, whenever a Charter is granted, the M. W. Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, shall appoint a suitable and early day for constituting said Lodge, and for the installation of its officers; and when convenient, shall in person conduct such ceremony. They have the power, however, at their discretion, to appoint some worthy Past Master to act as their proxy on such occasions.

Sec. 30. Every resolution or motion, contemplating an appropriation from the funds of the Grand Lodge, shall be proposed by, or referred to some standing committee of that body before it can be acted upon.

Sec. 31. When an appeal from the decision of a Subordinate Lodge, on any matter of Masonic discipline, shall be perfected and entered in the Grand Lodge, it shall be referred to the standing committee on Grievances, or decided without such reference, if deemed most expedient; and in either case, the Subordinate Lodge, or the appellant brother, shall have the benefit of any additional testimony, provided the same has been taken agreeably

to the notice prescribed in the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, for the government of the Lodges under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 32. No By-Law shall be altered or done away, or any new one adopted, until the proposed alteration, amendment, nullification or addition be reduced to writing and seconded by five members; it shall then be entered upon the minutes, and lie over until the next succeeding stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, when, if approved by two-thirds of the members present, the same shall be adopted: *Provided*, that by a unanimous vote, any proposition as aforesaid, may be acted upon instanter.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF

THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

I. A subordinate Lodge shall consist of at least a Master, a Senior and Junior Warden, a Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacon, a Tyler, and as many members as are convenient. The officers above enumerated shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes, at the stated meeting in November or December, annually, and be installed into office as near the Festival of St. John the Evangelist as practicable.

II. No brother shall be eligible to the Mastership unless he has been elected and served in the station of Warden in some regular Lodge. In the absence of the Master, the Senior and Junior Warden, according to rank, shall succeed to the duties of his station.

III. Each subordinate Lodge possesses the inherent right to enact By-Laws and ordinances for its own government, provided the same are not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the fundamental principles of Masonry. And to the end that these shall be preserved always inviolate, it is hereby declared that no By-Law or ordinance of government of a subordinate Lodge shall be of any permanent validity until approved by the Grand Lodge.

IV. Each Lodge shall assemble for work at least once in every calendar month; and if any Lodge under this jurisdiction shall cease to meet for twelve successive months, it shall forfeit its charter and be erased from the Grand Lodge book. Previous to advancements, all candidates shall be

examined in open Lodge in the degree which they have taken, and be found to possess at least a knowledge of that degree.

V. All the proceedings, ballotings and business of the Lodges, shall be had in a Lodge of Master Masons, that of conferring the inferior degrees alone excepted.

VI. No religious test shall ever be required of any applicant for the benefits of Masonry, other than a steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of Deity; and no Lodge under this jurisdiction shall receive any candidate without the acknowledgment of such belief.

VII. No Lodge shall confer the first three degrees in Masonry for a less sum than fifteen dollars. A *unanimous* vote must be had in favor of the applicant for each degree, but in no case shall a ballot be taken until the money required for the fee shall be in actual deposit.

VIII. No Lodge, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, shall initiate, craft, or raise, unless a Past Master be present and presiding.

IX. All applications for initiation, or for membership, shall be made at the regular stated meeting of the Lodge, and lie over at least from one communication to another, unless, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, it shall be regarded a case of emergency; when, by a *unanimous* vote, a ballot may be ordered.

X. After a petition is regularly received by a subordinate Lodge, and entered upon its minutes, it shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the said Lodge—at least three-fourths of the members present concurring therein.

XI. If any member of a subordinate Lodge shall, from trifling, captious, sinister or unworthy motives, attempt to arrest the legitimate work of his Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered amenable to Masonic discipline. And it is made the duty of the Lodges, in all such cases, to proceed to the investigation thereof, and to reprimand, suspend or expel the offending member, as a majority present may deem best.

XII. No Lodge shall initiate into the mysteries of the craft any person whomsoever, without being first satisfied by a test, or otherwise, that the candidate has not made application to some other Lodge and been rejected; and if it shall appear that he has been rejected, then the Lodge must be satisfactorily convinced that such rejection has not been on account of any circumstances that ought to preclude him from the benefits of Masonry; otherwise the interdiction is positive and peremptory.

XIII. No Lodge shall receive into membership a Mason from any other Lodge, until he shall produce satisfactory evidence that he has paid all dues to the Lodge of which he was last a member.

XIV. No one can become a member of a subordinate Lodge, or be entitled to any vote therein, until he has received the third degree in Masonry.

XV. No candidate shall be received in any Lodge but the one nearest

his residence: *Provided* he may be received in any other Lodge by the vote of said nearest Lodge: *Provided, further*, that in any city or town, any Lodge therein may receive an applicant resident in said city or town.

XVI. It shall be unlawful for any Lodge under this jurisdiction to receive as a visitor, a brother while known to be under sentence of suspension or expulsion from any constitutional Masonic body.

XVII. When the physical disabilities of a candidate are not such as to prevent him from being initiated into the several degrees and mysteries of Freemasonry, his admission shall not be construed an infringement upon the *ancient landmarks*, but, on the contrary, will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of the institution.

XVIII. In no case, for non-payment of dues, shall a subordinate Lodge publish in a newspaper the suspension or expulsion of any of its members, unless the consent of the Grand Lodge, or of the M. W. Grand Master, be first obtained.

XIX. The subordinate Lodges have the power, at their discretion, to require of all Master Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions, to contribute pecuniary aid to purposes strictly Masonic: but this power shall not be exercised except with proper caution and deliberation.

XX. Each subordinate Lodge shall bury a deceased worthy member of its body with Masonic rites, if requested by the decedent in his lifetime, or by his near relations after his death; and in all other cases, such Masonic honors may be granted or withheld as the Lodge may consider best.

XXI. When convenient, the several subordinate Lodges should be supplied with libraries of useful and practical books; and it is enjoined upon them, as often as it is feasible, to introduce into their meetings, lectures and essays upon Masonic polity, and the various arts and sciences connected therewith.

XXII. Subordinate Lodges not only possess the power, but it shall be their express duty to take cognizance of brethren within their vicinities, whether subordinate to the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or otherwise, and to suspend or expel from the privileges of the Order, any brother who shall be found guilty of unmasonic conduct—subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

XXIII. No subordinate Lodge shall proceed to suspend or expel a brother for unmasonic conduct of any description whatever, except for the non-payment of dues, unless it be upon written charges and specifications made out and filed with the Secretary; whose duty it shall be to furnish the accused brother with a copy thereof, if of a nature to be reduced to writing, at least ten days previous to the trial, with notice of the time and place of trial. It is the privilege of the accused to take any proof or testimony to be heard in evidence that he may desire, upon giving three days notice to the Master of the Lodge; and in all cases when the hearing

comes on, the whole of the testimony shall be reduced to writing, and be carefully preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge: *Provided*, that when a brother charged as aforesaid, shall abscond, proceedings may be had in his absence, without notice.

XXIV. Any brother feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge pronounced against him, may at any time within one year thereafter, take an appeal to the Grand Lodge; and on his application, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Lodge to make out and forward to the Grand Secretary, a certified copy of the proceedings had in his case, with the original testimony, as far as the same shall have been reduced to writing.

XXV. These rules and regulations may be altered or amended in the same manner as prescribed for the alteration or amendment of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master shall take the chair every day precisely at the hour to which the Grand Lodge shall have adjourned on the preceding day, when the journal shall be read, to the end that any mistake or improper entries may be corrected.

2. During the hours of business, the members are required to keep their seats, and observe strict order and decorum; and no member shall leave the hall without leave, or absent himself from the service of the Grand Lodge, unless he have permission, or be sick and unable to attend.

3. When the M. W. Grand Master or presiding officer rises, all debate shall cease, and there shall be strict silence.

4. Every member shall stand when he speaks, and shall address himself with respect and decorum to the presiding officer for the time being. He shall not be permitted to say any thing which will have a tendency wantonly to inflame or irritate, as the sole objects of debate are to enlighten and expand the mind on the subject under discussion, to elicit truth, and to conscientiously endeavor to have every thing done decently and in order.

5. The M. W. Grand Master, or the presiding officer, shall be the judge of order and debate. When his decision is fairly questionable, an appeal may be made to the Grand Lodge; but such appeal must be neither captious, contemptuous, or contumacious. Truth, justice and candor must be the desiderata in such appeal.

6. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice upon any subject, unless it is merely to explain, without permission from the Grand Lodge. If any member is twice called to order, at any one meeting, for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of a third offense of the same nature, the presiding officer shall peremptorily order him to leave the Grand Lodge; and he may further be amenable to reprimand, suspension or expulsion, as the Grand Lodge shall deem proper.

7. When a question is put, it shall be the duty of every member present to vote, unless for good cause the Grand Lodge may excuse him; but no member shall vote upon any question in the event of which he is personally interested.

8. No motion shall he entertained until it is seconded; and there shall no debate be had thereon until it is stated by the chair.

9. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover indorsed thereon, if the chair or Grand Secretary desire it.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged; and the motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and be decided without debate.

11. Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided, if it comprehends questions so distinct that, one being taken away, the rest may stand entire for the decision of the Grand Lodge; a motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

12. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof.

13. All questions shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except in filling up blanks, when the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

14. No report shall be received from any of the committees of the Grand Lodge, unless the same be reduced to writing and signed by at least a majority of the members thereof.

15. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the Grand Lodge without special leave.

16. These Rules of Order may be altered, added to, or abrogated, at any meeting of the Grand Lodge, two-thirds of the members present concurring therein.

CHARGES, PRAYERS AND FORMULA.

CHARGES.

*A Charge by the M. W. Grand Master Vitruvius.**

A MASON ought to have a soul great and bold, without arrogance; equitable and faithful; and what is very important, *entirely free from avarice.* For it is utterly impossible ever to do any thing well, or to attain any excellence without FIDELITY and HONOR. He ought, therefore, to be disinterested; and to have less in view the acquiring riches, than honor and respectability to the Craft and himself. Never let him act unworthy his *honorable profession.* This is what true wisdom prescribes.

A Charge at the opening of a Lodge.

(ALTERED FROM PRESTON.)

The ways of science are beautiful. Knowledge is attained by degrees. Wisdom dwells with contemplation. There are we to seek her. Though the passage be difficult, the farther we proceed, the easier it will become.

If we are united, our society must flourish. Let all things give place to peace and good fellowship. Uniting in the grand design, let us be happy in ourselves, and endeavor to contribute to the happiness of others. Let us promote the useful arts, and by them mark our superiority and distinction. Let us cultivate the moral virtues, and improve in all that is good and amiable. Let the genius of FREEMASONRY preside over our conduct, and under its ameliorating influence, let us act with becoming dignity. Let our recreations be innocent and pursued with moderation. Never let us expose our professions to derision. Thus shall we act in conformity to our precepts, and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, a regular and a uniform Society.

Another.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard,

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*This celebrated and accomplished Roman, MARCUS VITRUVIUS POLLIS, flourished in the time of Augustus, about twenty years before the birth of Christ.

Even Aaron's beard:
That went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon,
And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion:
For there the LORD commanded the blessing,
Even life for evermore.

A Charge at the closing of a Lodge.

BRETHREN:—Your are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, to mix again with the world. Amidst its cares, its concerns and its employments, forget not the lessons and duties you have heard so frequently inculcated in this Lodge. Be diligent in your several stations, prudent, temperate and discreet in all your actions. Remember that around this sacred altar you have promised to befriend the unfortunate, and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. You have promised to remind him in the most tender manner of his failings, and to aid him in his reformation. Vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced. Suggest in his behalf the most candid and favorable circumstances. Let the world observe how Masons love one another.

These generous principles are to extend farther. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all men. Recommend it more especially to the HOUSEHOLD OF THE FAITHFUL.

By diligence in the duties of your respective callings, by liberal benevolence and diffusive charity; by constancy and fidelity in your friendships; by uniformly just, amiable and virtuous deportment, you will establish the beneficial and happy effects of this ancient and honorable institution.

Let it not be supposed that you have here LABORED in vain, and spent your STRENGTH for nought; for your WORK is with the Lord, and your RECOMPENSE with your God.

Finally, brethren, be ye all of one mind, *live in peace with one another*, and may the God of Love and Peace delight to dwell with you, and bless you.

PRAYERS.

The Ancient Prayer, at Making or Opening.

Most holy and glorious Lord God, great Architect of the Universe, Giver of all good gifts and graces! Thou hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, there Thou wilt be in the midst of them. In Thy name we have assembled together, and do most humbly beseech Thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may ever

know and serve Thee aright; and that all our doings, begun, continued and ended in Thee, may tend to Thy glory, and our advancement in the principles of knowledge and virtue.

And we pray Thee, oh! Lord God, in an especial manner to bless our present undertaking, and grant that this candidate now prostrate before Thee, may dedicate his life to Thy service, and become a true and faithful brother among us. Endue him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that he may, with the secrets of Freemasonry, be able to unfold the true mysteries of godliness. And graciously enable him and us so to walk in the light of Thy countenance, that when the trials of this probationary state are over, we may be admitted into the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Amen.

A Prayer used among the Primitive Christian Masons.

The might of the Father of Heaven, and the wisdom of his Son, through the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, being three Persons in one Godhead, be with us at our beginning, and give us grace so to govern us here in our living, that we may come to his bliss that never shall have an end. Amen.

Usual Prayer at Opening a Lodge.

May the favor of Heaven be upon this meeting; and as it is happily begun, may it be conducted with order and closed with harmony! Amen.

A Prayer to be used at Closing a Lodge.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us, and upon all regular Masons! May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us. And may each one of us, by a correct walk and conversation, procure Thy gracious favor, oh! blessed Lord God, who livest and reignest in indescribable glory and happiness, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer at the Initiation of a Candidate.

Oh! Thou, by whose Omnipotent fiat the fabric of the Universe rose into existence, and is still upheld! Thou greatest and best of beings!

From the centre of Thine essential and uncreated glory, we beseech Thee to behold in mercy a few of Thy unworthy creatures, assembled here at this time to extend the heavenly principles of benevolence, friendship and harmony among mankind, through the mystic medium of Masonry. And oh! Heavenly Father, let the light of Thy countenance shine in among us; and particularly upon Thy servant now bowed before Thee, and on his way to Thy Temple. Do thou graciously enlighten his *darkness* — anoint his eyes with the eye-salve of true wisdom, that he may *see*

— clothe his *nakedness* with the garments of true righteousness — and enrich his *poverty* with the celestial gold of Thy kingdom.

And though he may meet with various perils on his way to the portals of our mystic building, suffer not his courage to forsake him, nor his timidity to prompt him to draw back, until he becomes more than a conqueror over all that may oppose him. So shall he be enabled in due time to *pass* on towards higher attainments, until he be *raised* and *exalted* to the highest honors of Thy faithful and *perfect* servants, and enabled to enter within the *vails*, into the most secret chambers of Thy holy Temple. We therefore now commend him to Thy divine providence and protection; beseeching Thee to make him in due time a Master in Israel, and to Thy holy name the glory, honor and praise shall be ascribed, now and for evermore. Amen.

Another.

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, to this our present convention; and grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate and devote his life to Thy service, and become a true and faithful brother among us! Endue him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, by the secrets of our art, he may be better enabled to display the beauties of brotherly love, relief, and truth, to the honor of Thy holy name. Amen.

Another.

Oh God, the Author of every good and perfect gift; we, Thy unworthy servants, approach Thy Divine Majesty with the most exalted ideas of Thy character, and the highest reverence for Thy perfections; with gratitude for Thy great goodness, and entire submission to Thine authority.

We beseech Thee, Thou God of our Fathers! to look upon us in mercy, and to bless us. Give to this our friend, now to become our brother, the spirit of wisdom to avoid the evil and to choose the good — the spirit of meekness and forbearance — of brotherly love and charity; and grant that none of us may ever abuse our precious *freedom;* but that in all our thoughts, words and actions, we may so live within the compass of Thy commands, as at last to secure a seat in that Holy Temple, of which the Lord God Almighty is the light thereof. Amen.

GENESIS, *Chap.* 1, *Ver.* 1, 2, 3.

In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth.

And the Earth was without form, and void: and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

And God said, LET THERE BE LIGHT: And there was Light.

Charge to an Entered Apprentice.

Brother: You are now initiated into the first principles of Masonry, and we offer you our congratulations upon being accepted a Fellow into our ancient and honorable Order. *Ancient*, as having subsisted from time immemorial — and *honorable*, because its tendency is to render all men such, who act in conformity to its precepts. No institution was ever raised upon better principles, or established upon a more permanent foundation. The several lectures appertaining to this degree, will now of course occupy some of your attention. At all convenient times, in order that you may improve therein, it will be your duty to converse with well-informed brethren, who will cheerfully communicate to you the required instruction.

As a Mason, there are three great duties which you are charged to inculcate: they are the duties which you owe to God, your neighbor, and yourself. *To God*, in never mentioning His sacred name but with that reverential awe which is due from a creature to his Creator; to implore His gracious favor upon all your laudable undertakings, and ever to esteem Him the chief good. *To your neighbor*, in always acting with him upon the square, and in all your dealings, your communications and your intercourse, doing unto him as, under similar circumstances, you would desire him to do unto you. *To yourself*, in cultivating every social virtue, in avoiding all irregularity and intemperance, and shunning every object which has a tendency to impair your faculties, or debase the dignity of your profession.

In the state, you are to be a quiet and peaceable subject, true to your country, and just to your government. You are not to countenance disloyalty or rebellion, but must patiently submit to the magisterial authority of the land in which you live.

In your intercourse with your Masonic brethren, you are to cultivate a forgiving and charitable disposition, and while in attendance at the Lodge you must always regard it as a place sacred to friendship and brotherly love, where none but the most affectionate feelings are to be cherished and practiced.

The Great Architect of the universe is our Supreme Governor and Master, and by the unerring rule he has given us, we are bound to regulate our work. *Political* and *religious* disputes are never tolerated within the Lodge. As Masons, we proscribe no man for opinion's sake, and recognize no sectarian creed. We follow the *universal* religion of nature, and this is the common centre, around which are congregated in one holy, indivisible bond of brotherhood, men of every tribe, and nation, and kindred, and tongue under Heaven.

Although your frequent attendance at our meetings is a matter of duty, yet it is not intended that you should ever, on that account, neglect your

customary avocations; on the contrary, it is strictly enjoined upon you always faithfully and punctually to perform your *daily work.*

You are not, upon any occasion, to suffer your zeal for the institution to lead you into quarrels or fruitless arguments with those whom prejudice or ignorance may cause to abuse it. Provided you live up to the principles of Masonry, your own actions will constitute a "living epistle" that will be its most eloquent defense.

Our ancient and time-honored *Constitutions* you are to search and study with particular care, as they contain the fundamental rules and regulations for the government of the fraternity in all parts of the world. We seriously admonish you ever to keep sacred and inviolable the mysteries of our Order, as these are the *criteria* to distinguish you from the rest of the community, and mark your consequence among Masons.

If, within the circle of your acquaintance, you discover a friend desirous to be introduced among us, you must be *cautious* not to recommend him until you are convinced he will conform to all our requirements, to the end that the honor and reputation of the institution may be fully sustained, and the world at large convinced of its beneficial effects.

You have, upon this occasion, taken an eventful step in your journey of life; you have entered upon the threshold of our Mystic Temple, and are now bound by the indissoluble ties of fraternity with many thousands of your fellow beings, all of whom have participated in the same ceremonies, and traveled the same road with yourself; but it is *only upon the threshold* that you stand. There are yet many wonderful and brilliant apartments to be explored, the doors of which are strictly guarded, and are opened to none but those who come "*duly and truly prepared,*" and are "*well recommended.*"

In your outward demeanor, then, be particularly careful to avoid censure and reproach; let neither interest, nor favor, nor prejudice bias your integrity, or influence you, under any circumstances, to be guilty of a dishonorable action.

Finally, Brother, keep it always in mind, that we are all probationers and sojourners here, and that if we would hereafter participate in the high and glorious mysteries of the Celestial Lodge, we must so fashion our moral *trestle board* as to meet the approbation of Him who is a Spirit of immaculate purity, and must be worshiped in spirit and in truth.

FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE.

1 Corinthians, *Chapter* xiii.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not *charity,* I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And

though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand *all mysteries* and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not *charity*, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophecy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know, even as also I am known.

And now abideth *Faith, Hope, Charity*, these three; but the greatest of these is CHARITY.

1 JOHN, *Chapter* IV.

Love one another. GOD is Love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

DEUTERONOMY, *Chapter* V.

I am the LORD thy God. * * * Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make to thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth;

Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Moral Geometry.

Geometry is the first and noblest of all sciences, and is the basis upon which the superstructure of Masonry is erected. By geometry we can explore the hidden arcana of nature, and trace them up through her intricate windings to her most concealed recesses. By it we are taught the

power, the wisdom, the omnipotence and the unmeasured goodness of the Great Architect of all things. By it we are enabled to comprehend the nice arrangement of all its parts, and the wonderful proportions which connect together the stupendous machinery of the Universe. By it we can climb above the canopy of the Heavens—measure the distances of the most remote planets—detect in its passage a ray of light, and marshal into perfect order the multitudinous groups of worlds that are scattered over infinite space. By it we can rationally account for the return of the varied seasons of the year, and the rich and prodigal variety which each successive season displays, for our health, our instruction and our pleasure.

Worlds, and planets, and systems of surpassing magnitude, are above and around us; all created by the same Divine Artist, all fashioned by the same Master hand, all conducted by the same unerring laws. A survey of Nature, and the observation of her beautiful proportions, no doubt first influenced man to study symmetry and order. This would naturally give rise to societies; and in the course of time to luxury, refinement and every useful art. The designs of the Architect at first were plain and simple, calculated only to administer to his immediate wants; human ingenuity and experience, however, progressively improved upon these original plans, until there have been produced monuments of art, so finished in their execution, and so perfect in their structure, as to fix the admiration of every age.

In imitation, then, of our ancient brothers, who were *practical working Masons*, the fraternity of later days have also selected tools and implements of architecture, not in an operative, but in a symbolical and speculative sense, to imprint upon the mind wise and serious truths; and thus, through a succession of ages, have been transmitted, unimpaired, the sublime tenets of our institution.

The lapse of time, the ruthless hand of ignorance, and the devastations of war, have laid waste and destroyed some of the most noble monuments of antiquity.

Even the temple of Solomon, so spacious in its design—so majestic in its proportions—so magnificent in its execution, and constructed by the united exertions of so many celebrated artists, has not escaped the ravages of barbarous force; but the Order to which it gave a name, still exists in all the harmony of its first formation, and it has gathered unto itself power and grandeur, and energy, and might, amidst the desolate ruins of the Temple. FREEMASONRY STILL SURVIVES. It has existed where all things else of human origin, have perished—the tempest of persecution has not injured it—the mutations of the world have not shaken it—the wing of Time has flapped over it in vain—through centuries of changes it has stood changeless and serene.

And to the true and loyal brother, it is a source of exulting promise to know that it will *continue to survive*, so long as the *attentive ear* receives the sound from the *instructive tongue*, and the mysteries of the Order are lodged in the repository of *faithful breasts*.

Charge to a Fellow Craft.

Brother:—You are now advanced to the scond degree of Masonry, and we congratulate you on your preferment. The ceremonies you have witnessed, must convince you that it is a rational and progressive science, including within its circle, almost every branch of polite learning.

Under the veil of its symbolic cabala, there is comprehended a regular system of knowledge, and though to a contracted mind, many of its illustrations may appear unimportant, yet upon investigation, they will be found in the highest degree useful and interesting.

The accomplished scholar and ingenious artist may gather wisdom at its shrines of learning, while in the research of its latent principles, the philosopher and mathematician may experience equal delight and satisfaction.

To exhaust the various topics of which it treats, would transcend the powers of the brightest genius; and the narrow space alloted to human life would fall far short of the time requisite to master *all* its subjects of inquiry. Still, however, it is in the power, as it is the duty of every craftsman, to make some advance in our necessary learning, and not to be discouraged and turned aside because the task he attempts may at first appear difficult—perhaps insurmountable. Every thing under the sun has had a beginning—the infant crawls before it walks, and it lisps the accents of childhood before it speaks in the language of a man; the Temple of Solomon was many years in its construction, and even the Omnipotent God took six days to fashion and create the universe.

If you are desirious to fulfil the requirements of Masonry, we bid you to be encouraged by this unexceptionable example, and doubt not, with perseverence and application, you will conquer many difficulties.

At each step you advance in your journey of knowledge, new pleasures will expand before you, and instruction of the noblest kind will attend all your labors. The abstract doctrines of Geometry will familiarize your mind to frequent meditation and close reasoning, while an intimate acquaintance with the great Book of Nature will show you the wisdom, power and beneficence of the Creator; it will teach you lessons of humility, fervency, faith and charity—and fit you to play your part in the drama of human life, with honor to yourself, and with credit to the fraternity.

It is unnecessary here to recapitulate the indispensable duties which, as a Mason, you are bound to discharge, or to enlarge upon the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as by this time your own experience must have fully established their value. Our laws and regulations you are strenuously

to support, and be always ready to assist in seeing them duly executed. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offenses of your brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, you are to judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with justice.

Such, Brother, is the nature of some of your engagements as a *Fellow Craft Mason;* such are the duties you are now called upon to perform, and ever bear in mind that you are bound to discharge them by ties the most serious, sacred and indissoluble.

MASTER MASON'S DEGREE.

EZEKIEL, *Chapter* XXXVII.

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley, which was full of bones;

And caused me to pass by them round about, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry.

And he said unto me, Son of Man, can these bones live? and I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, Oh, ye dry bones hear the words of the LORD.

Thus said the Lord GOD unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to come into you, and ye shall live;

And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath into you, and *ye shall live*; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied there was a noise, and behold, a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone;

And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them: but there was no breath in them.

Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind; prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind: Thus said the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me; and the breath came into them, and *they lived*, and stood up upon their feet.

An Invocation

APPROPRIATE TO THE MASTER MASON'S DEGREE.

Thou, O LORD! knowest our downsittings and our uprisings,
And understandest our thoughts afar off.
Shield and defend us from the evil intentions of our enemies;

And support us under the trials we are destined to endure
While traveling through this vale of tears!

Man that is born of a woman
Is of few days and full of trouble.
He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down:
He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
Seeing his days are determined,
The number of his months are with Thee,
Thou hast appointed his bounds that he can not pass;
Turn from him, that he may rest,
Till he shall accomplish his day.

For there is hope of a tree
If it be cut down, that it will sprout again,
And that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
But man dieth and wasteth away:
Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

As the waters fail from the sea,
And the flood decayeth and drieth up,
So man lieth down and riseth not
Till the heavens shall be no more.

Yet, O LORD! have compassion
On the children of thy creation.
Administer to them comfort in time of trouble,
And save them with an everlasting salvation.

So mote it be. AMEN.

Charge to a Master Mason.

BROTHER: Having explained to you the ceremonies attendant upon your initiation into the sublime degree just conferred upon you, we offer you our sincere congratulations that zeal for our institution, your worthy conduct and laudable perseverance, have gained for you this distinguished mark of favor and respect.

You are now bound by every tie of honor, duty and gratitude to be faithful to your trust — to support the dignity of your new character upon every occasion, and to enforce, both by precept and example, obedience to the tenets of our Order. No one can become a trusty and skillful *Master* over others, who cannot be a master over himself.

The lectures of this degree are to you particularly important. They illustrate some of the most striking hieroglyphical emblems of Masonry,

and in them many necessary details relative to King Solomon's Temple are considered and made known.

"In the midst of life we are in death." They will admonish you that it is an imperative duty to be always prepared for that solemn event; so that when "the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken," the dust may return to its mother dust; but the untrammeled and glorified spirit go up to God who gave it.

They will teach you the great practical utility of those eminent Masonic virtues, *Silence* and *Circumspection;* they will recommend to you the observance of *Industry*, which the Creator has enjoined upon every living creature, from the highest Seraph in the Heavens, to the most humble reptile of the dust. The exercise of industry is the great law of our nature. Man was created to be an active and social being, and is so constituted that his happiness is in proportion as he meets the requirements and discharges his social duties.

We assure you that intimate acquaintance with these lectures is indispensable; as, in the character of a Master Mason, you are expected to communicate information to others — to correct the errors, reprobate the irregularities of your uninformed brethren, and guard them by your counsel against every breach of fidelity.

To preserve the reputation of the fraternity unsullied, must now be your constant care; and for this purpose it is your province to recommend to your inferiors obedience and submission, to your equals courtesy and affability, and to your superiors kindness and condescension.

Universal benevolence you are always to inculcate. We say *universal*, because the radiant arch of Masonry spans the whole habitable globe; and every true and worthy brother of the Order, no matter in what language he speaks, or in what country he lives — no matter what may be his religion or his creed — be it the cross, or be it the crescent — no matter what may be his opinions or his politics — no matter whether he be high or low — rich or poor — the king upon his throne, or the beggar upon the dunghill — he is, under whatever circumstances he comes before you, a legitimate object for its exercise.

It will be your duty always to practice brotherly love and friendship, and thereby cultivate the true principles of charity. We do not mean that contracted and bigoted feeling which would circumscribe its operations to the limits of a particular sect, or a particular party, but charity in the abstract — that meek, forgiving, long-suffering, *Masonic charity*, which is as broad as the mantle of Heaven, and coëxtensive with the boundaries of the world.

You are carefully to preserve, in their integrity, our *ancient landmarks*, and never to countenance an infringement upon the established usages and customs of the fraternity.

Let no motive whatever induce you to swerve from your duty — to violate your integrity, or to betray your trust; but be wary, be prudent, be circumspect, and in all your actions imitate the noble example of that uncompromising artist, with whose history you have at this time been made familiar. And having in youth, as an *Entered Apprentice*, industriously occupied your mind in the attainment of useful knowledge — in manhood, as a *Fellow Craft*, applying that knowledge in faithfully discharging the duties which you owe to your God, your neighbor and yourself — you will be enabled as a *Master Mason*, when old age with its day of decrepitude shall steal upon you, to enjoy the happy reflections consequent upon a well spent life; and at last go down to the deep solitude of the grave, as the appointed entrance into the glorious mansions of the blessed, where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

FORM OF PETITION,

TO BE PRESENTED BY A CANDIDATE FOR INITIATION.

To the W. Master, Wardens, and Brethren of —— Lodge No. —:

The petition of the subscriber respectfully showeth: That, having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient institution, he is desirous of being admitted a member thereof, if found worthy.

His place of residence is ———, his age —— years, his occupation ———.

(Signed) A—— B——.

Recommended by —— ——.

DECLARATION

To be assented to by a Candidate, previous to Initiation.

Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, that, unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, you freely and voluntarily offer yourself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry?

Do you seriously declare, upon your honor, that you are prompted to solicit the privileges of Masonry by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire of knowledge, and a sincere wish of being serviceable to your fellow creatures?

Do you seriously engage to reverence God, as the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and render to Him that homage which is due from every creature to the Creator; and that you will conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the fraternity?

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

In the Town of Lancaster, October 20, A. D. 1843—A. L. 5843.

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother CHAS. SCOTT, Columbus.]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the town of Lancaster, on Friday, the 20th day of October, A. D. 1843, A. L. 5843, in pursuance of their By-Laws, to transact its annual Masonic business. Grand Officers present:

R. W. DAVID T. DISNEY, Deputy Grand Master.
" " GEORGE D. HINE, Grand Senior Warden.
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Grand Junior Warden.
" " JOHN G. WILLOCK, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.*
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.
" " ISAAC C. COPELEN, Grand Marshal.
" " WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, Grand Orator.
" " BENJAMIN F. SMITH, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " JOHN A. WEYER, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Rev. JOSEPH A. ROOF, Grand Chaplain.
" " JOHN BARNEY, Grand Lecturer.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Grand Tyler.

Also in attendance the representatives from the subordinate Lodges of the state.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace by the Rev. Brother Grand Chaplain, preparatory to opening the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Barney, Reed and Copelen.
On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Thrall and Dresbach.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee on Credentials, submitted the following report, to wit:

The committee on Credentials respectfully report, that upon examination of the returns and papers submitted to them, they find the following Lodges to be duly represented, to wit:

No.	Lodge.	Representatives.
2.	N. C. Harmony	I. C. Copelen.
4.	New England	John Barney, Geo. Taylor, James T. Donahoo.
5.	Amity	Geo. L. Shinnick.
6.	Scioto	James D. Caldwell.
8.	Harmony	J. L. Howard.
9.	Mt Zion	B. F. Smith, J. N. Burr, Isaac Davis.
13.	St Johns'	Harvey Vinal.
14.	Franklin	George Keifer, Thos. Jay.
15.	Cleveland City	Theophilus Keckeler.
16.	Belmont	Wilmeth Jones.
17.	Washington	W. B Van Hook.
23.	Pickaway	Geo. C. Gephart, Wm. B. Thrall, Jos. A Roof.
24.	Warren	Joseph H. Defrees.
26.	Lebanon	Allen Wright, Samuel Glenny.
28.	Temple	Joseph Cook.
29.	Clermont Social	A. J. Patton.
30.	Columbus	T. Griffith, C. Scott, R. Stadden.
33.	Ebenezer	Horace Howard.
35.	Mansfield	Hiram Humphrey, Joseph Hildreth, Rob't Bently.
44.	Columbia	Charles Williams.
45.	Steubenville	M. M. Laughlin.
49.	Miami	B. J Irwin.
53.	Charity	Weeks Copeland.
54.	Milford	Harvy Perrin.
55.	Eastern Star	Absalom Death.
57.	Lancaster	M. Z. Kreider, Jas. Cranmer, Robert Fielding.
61.	Bethel	J. W. Simms.
71.	Union	Travis Boswell.
72.	Georgetown	P. L. Wilson.
74.	Wads. and Seville	Nathaniel Eastman, Henry Hosmer.
77.	Sandusky	C. F. Dresbach.
78.	Leesburgh	John C. Batten.
79.	Lafayette	Thomas Launder.
81.	Lafayette	Thomas B. Drinker, J. S. Burr, Samuel Reed.
82.	Bolivar	James Gardiner.
87.	Salem	M. D. Brock.
88.	Hiram	N. Benjamin.
89.	Friendship	Benjamin Mackall.
90.	Jefferson	B. F. Raleigh.
93.	Chardon	H. H. Merrill.
97.	Newark	A. D. Bigelow, H. W R. Brunner.
102.	Union	M. S. Demmitt.
103.	Friendship	Burris Moore, C. F. Currier.
105.	Moriah	J. A. Weyer.
106.	Fellowship	John W. Culton.
107.	Washington	Samuel Myers.
—.	Corinthian	Wm. Bishop.
—.	Warrenton	John Boyd.
—.	Clinton	Franklin Boone.

Making forty-five chartered Lodges and three working under dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. D. CALDWELL,
W. B. THRALL,
C. F. DRESBACH.

The committee on Credentials having reported a constitutional number of subordinate Lodges to be here represented, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master declared THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO duly opened for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet here this afternoon, at half past one o'clock, and thence proceed in a body to the Presbyterian Church, where an oration will be delivered by Brother W. B. Hubbard, after which the Grand Lodge will return to this hall.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until half past one, P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1½ O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge was called to order and proceeded to business. Present, the same officers and members as before.

The following standing committees were appointed by the chair, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Shinnick, Van Hook and Wilson.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Thrall, Reed and Bigelow.
On Charity—Brothers Griffith, Keckeler and Jay.
On Grievances—Brothers Death, Porter and Sayre.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Gephart, Benjamin and Defrees.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Hubbard, Drinker and Eastman.
On Ways and Means—Brothers Raleigh, Cook and Kreider.
To prepare a Pay Roll—Brothers Laughlin, Irwin and Horace Howard.

Brother *Hine* presented the proceedings of Warrenton Lodge, working under dispensation; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Keifer* presented the papers in relation to the appeal of David Scott, from the decision of Warren Lodge No. 24; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Cook* presented the proceedings of Hiram Lodge, working under dispensation; which, on his motion, were also referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Thrall* presented the proceedings of Wood County Lodge, working underd ispensation; which were likewise referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Griffith* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a select committee of three, to be called a committee of Retrenchment, be appointed, to whom shall be referred all subject matters not otherwise provided for, of appropriations and disbursements of moneys during the present sitting of the Grand Lodge; and whose duty it shall be, as well to report thereon, as to report and advise any measures that may appear to them necessary and proper for retrenching the expenses and expenditures of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon the chair appointed Brothers Griffith, Raleigh and Cook said committee.

Brother *Cook* presented the proceedings of New Richmond Lodge, working under dispensation; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge then proceeded, under the direction of Brother Copelen as Grand Marshal, to the Presbyterian Church, where an eloquent Masonic address was delivered by Brother W. B. Hubbard, Grand Orator; when the officers and members returned to the Grand Lodge Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., and resumed their labors.

Brother *Thrall* presented and read the annual communication of the Grand Master, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

BRETHREN: In presenting for your consideration the customary annual communication required of the Chair, I feel that the duty would be but imperfectly discharged, were the occasion not made available for the expression of our gratitude to the Great Master, who has throughout another year graciously signalized our institution with His blessing. There is good cause to believe that the Order, with its every variety of interest, both at home and abroad, has been specially remembered by Him who planned the heavens and the earth; and you will permit me here to invoke upon your deliberations the continuance of His approbation, and to trust that all of your doings will be conducted with such wisdom, concord and harmony of feeling, as will permanently secure the various high privileges which belong to your organization.

During the past year it has not been my lot to discharge many of the active duties of my station, and some that were enjoined I have been obliged to leave unperformed.

Matters of business, requiring strict personal attention, compelled me to be absent from the State during several months of that period; and I exceedingly regret that considerations of a like character will prevent my attendance upon your present meeting.

Since your last meeting I have issued five dispensations for new Lodges, at the following places, to wit:

January 18, 1843. Dispensation for Hiram Lodge, at Mentor, in Lake county;
April 29, 1843. Dispensation for Wood County Lodge, at Perrysburg, in Wood county;
June 12, 1843. Dispensation for New Richmond Lodge, at New Richmond, in Clermont county;
June 21, 1843. Dispensation for Clinton Lodge, at Mechanicsburg, in Champaign county;
June 22, 1843. Dispensation for Warrenton Lodge, at Warrenton, in Jefferson county;

The petitions upon which the above dispensations were issued, together with the accompanying papers, will, of course, receive the usual examination from the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

As a fact illustrative of the onward progress of Masonry, and the triumph of reason over prejudice and error, I take pleasure in calling your attention to the location of two of the dispensated Lodges in Northern Ohio.

Within two years past, there have been created in this section of the State six new Lodges. To those familiar with the history of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the presentation of this fact is eloquent of the great change that has taken place in public opinion, and would, a short time since, have been considered beyond the reach of probability. All such will recollect how gloomy and forbidding were the elements in opposition to our institution in this part of the State—how despondent were the hearts of its friends, and how its enemies rejoiced over the tokens of victory and success. The tide of an intolerant persecution swept over it, carrying away Lodges and charters, until scarcely a vestige of Masonic organization remained; so that the North became to us literally "a place of darkness." Now it is exactly the reverse of this. There has been poured over it the kindred influence of sunshine and showers, and the beautiful light is streaming in mellow radiance from many an altar erected and consecrated there to Masonry. There is just reason to believe, if this portion of Ohio were still further explored, and the statistics of the Order explained and made mention of, that more trophies yet would be won, and many insulated fields, now rank from disuse, would again wave with the thick and golden harvest.

I have not received any official advice respecting the Lodges under dispensation; but from the respectability of the petitioners, and their general experience, I have every reason to believe that they have conformed to all the requirements and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

During the past summer I had occasion to visit Marietta, and had an interview with several of the brethren, in regard to the resuscitation of the Lodge at that place. From the feeling that was manifested, I entertained strong hopes that this venerable Lodge, so long honored upon your records, would again have resumed their Masonic labors; and in expressing my disappointment that such a reörganization has not taken place, I am sure that I but express the common sentiments of the fraternity of Ohio. There is no reason whatever why the Lodge at Marietta should not again be the first in respectability and usefulness, as it is first in antiquity, upon the calendar of the Grand Lodge; and I trust that you will receive, at your present session, an application from the brethren at Marietta for authority to that effect. As matter collateral to this, it may not be improper here to express the opinion, that if the visitation system was more generally adopted and practiced upon by the officers of the Grand Lodge, particularly by the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, great practical and beneficial results would be obtained.

In February last I received a communication from Brother A. D. Smith, of Milwaukie, in Wisconsin Territory, respecting the formation of a Lodge of Master Masons at that place, under dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Entertaining the opinion that this body possesses the authority to establish Lodges of the Order in any State or Territory in which there is no organized Grand Lodge, I responded to his letter accordingly. As I have not since received the required petition, it may be that an application for that purpose will be presented to you from the brethren of Milwaukie, at the present session.

At your last session, authority was given to the brethren of Friendship Lodge No. 89,

at Barnesville, in Belmont county, to resume their Masonic labors under their charter, heretofore surrendered to the Grand Lodge. I received several communications from that body on this subject; and as the Grand Secretary was not able to find their charter among his papers of office, I issued to them a special letter, recognizing their existence as a legal Lodge, and giving unto them express authority to transact the business of Masonry generally.

I received a letter in May last from Brother Charles W. Wolpers, former Secretary of Germantown Lodge, in Montgomery county, setting forth the peculiar circumstances which compelled the brethren there to suspend their Masonic organization, and asking in what manner the Lodge could be resuscitated. As their charter had become forfeited, they were of course advised that the Grand Lodge alone possessed the power to retore it. Should such an application be preferred to you at the present session, the committee on Charters and Dispensations will be put in possession of all the facts of their case, and thus be better prepared than I can be to recommend such action as will be consonant with prudence and usage.

On the 24th of June last I attended, by special invitation, the public commemoration of the day at Zanesville, by the brethren of Lafayette Lodge. A large and very respectable body of the craft were in attendance, and I take pleasure in stating the gratification I experienced on the occasion — having rarely, if ever, witnessed proceedings calculated in all respects to reflect more credit on the institution. I considered it proper on this occasion to open a Grand Lodge, which was done with the usual formalities.

Since the last session I received an official letter from Brother A. C. Smith, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, written under instructions, and proposing to furnish such additional testimony as you shall deem necessary, to the full recognition of that body as a legal and constitutional Grand Lodge. This letter was undoubtedly induced in consequence of the ambiguous report of the committee to whom this matter was specially referred at your last session.

It is a subject of regret that the Grand Lodge of Ohio could not have expressed a decided opinion upon a matter involving a constitutional rule of so much importance. Such an expression is due to your position as a distinctive, integral part of the great Masonic family, and particularly is it due to our brethren of Michigan. If they are a constitutional Grand Lodge, founded and established upon the canons of the Order, the Grand Lodge of Ohio has no right to withhold the hand of fellowship, but is bound at once to recognize their Masonic organization. If, on the other hand, our brethren in Michigan have committed an error in this most important particular, it is an error which strikes at the very foundation of the institution; and a proper regard for the common weal and common safety, requires that they should be pointedly and affectionately admonished of the fact. We cannot suppose that they are acting from any other than from conscientious motives; and so long as various opinions are entertained and expressed upon subjects which ought to be considered settled by the dicta of established rule, so long is danger to be apprehended to the stability and integrity of the Order. I feel it my duty to recommend that the letter from the Grand Lodge of Michigan have special reference, and that some decided action be had thereon at your present session.

The following resolution was adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the committee of Ways and Means, to wit:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to visit in person, as soon as practicable, the subordinate Lodges of this State not heretofore visited by him, and solicit aid for the Grand Lodge fund.

I feel great regret in announcing to you that it has not been in my power to visit any of the Lodges, in compliance with the terms of the resolution, because I am sensible that the honor of the fraternity of Ohio is deeply implicated in furthering the object had in view. Nothing short of required attention to my own private affairs could have induced my neglect of a duty so very acceptable in every respect, both to my feelings and inclination.

The report of the committee appointed to superintend the erection of the new Masonic

Hall, will acquaint you with the progress of the work, and the expenditures that have been made thereon since the last session. Your careful consideration and decided action is asked to this report. The committee, it will be seen, are of opinion that a much more eligible site can be had than the present one, and recommend its purchase. They think that improvements may be made to the building by reducing its dimensions, and thus save in actual expenditure some eight or ten thousand dollars. They also propose so to modify its construction as to make it yield an annual revenue to the Grand Lodge in the way of rent. If these very desirable objects can be accomplished by a change of location, every objection will be met that has been raised to the Hall now in progress.

I need hardly express to you the deep interest I feel in having this work completed. because I regard it as involving the pledged faith and honor of the Craft. I do not suppose that any serious attempt will be made to arrest the present undertaking, for the purpose of erecting the building in some other part of the state; because upon this question—I mean of location—there has been such pointed unanimity in the expression of your sentiments, that it would be almost supererogation to attempt it now. But as a matter of present expediency, with reference to your means, it may be that the question will be presented for discussion and decision, upon the report of the Building committee. In whatever shape it shall come before you, I trust that it will be so settled as to secure the harmony, while it will permanently build up the honor and prosperity of our beloved Institution.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the "Representative system" was recognized and adopted, as the policy of your future Masonic intercommunication; and the Grand Master was requested to correspond with other Grand Lodges upon this subject. He was further authorized "to commission Representatives to such Masonic Governments in the United States, as shall make or desire similar appointments to this body."

I have not found leisure during the past year to give this duty that strict attention which its importance requires, and need scarcely recommend that my successor in office be clothed with powers similar to those that were vested in me. Having, on mature deliberation, adopted as your settled policy, a system that has worked well, wherever it has been practically tested, no proper effort should be spared to realize to this Grand Lodge the full benefits of its operation.

I am happy to inform you that the select committee appointed at the last session, to prepare a *Constitution* and revise the *By-Laws* of the Grand Lodge, have, after mature advisement and deliberation, discharged the delicate duty that was imposed upon them, and the result of their labors will be laid before you in printed pamphlet form. The committee availed themselves of whatever experience could be found in the published records of other kindred bodies, and yet, perhaps, they could not have devised a system of regulations better adapted to the essential wants of the Grand Lodge, even if more time had been allotted to them. Every thing in our own peculiar code of legislation has been retained that is necessary to a correct administration of Masonic government. The sovereign powers of the Grand Lodge are closely defined, and distinctly set forth, while the inherent rights of the subordinates are guaranteed and preserved to them. There is nothing introduced for which wise precedent is not found; and every matter of general import has warrant for usage in the ancient Constitutions of the Order. It will be seen that the committee have embodied in their compilation those ancient, fundamental, universal rules, binding upon every Masonic Lodge in the known world, and that they propose to send them out to the Fraternity of Ohio, as the "*Book of Constitutions*," recognized and sanctioned by the Grand Lodge.

In the seventh article of the Constitution, the committee provide that the only officers to be elected by ballot, shall be the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Wardens, the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. All other officers are appointed upon the nomination of the Grand Master, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge. This course will prevent the usual tedium consequent upon the old method of elections; and, besides, it is more strictly in accordance with the ancient prescribed formula, which vested in the Grand Master the selection, and consequently the appointment, of the officers generally of the Grand Lodge. In the article of the

Constitution prescribing the duties of the Grand Master, the committee have in express terms vested in that officer the usual high powers that are incident to his station by prerogative and custom. As inseparable from his visitation duties, there is conceded to him the right, within his jurisdiction, to make Masons at sight, or cause them to be made in his presence; and for good cause to suspend the functions of any Lodge until the succeeding meeting of the Grand Lodge. Such a power as this, all will admit, should exist somewhere; at present it rests only with the Grand Lodge. It should, however, be always active, and ready to be called into exercise whenever necessity requires it. With no one can such authority be more safely and properly lodged than with the Grand Master. If he is to be considered responsible for his government, and you make it his duty to see that the ordinances of the Grand Lodge are enforced and obeyed, you must necessarily clothe him with powers adequate to its discharge. During the term I have had the honor to hold the Grand Mastership, I have on more occasions than one, felt the necessity of such a regulation; and as promotive of the honor of the Institution, and the interests of the Craft would have considered it my duty to put an arrest upon the work of some of our Lodges, in case the power to do so had been vested in me.

I have more than once expressed to you my opinion in regard to the qualifications requisite for the incumbent to possess, who occupies the Grand Master's chair. These I have always been disposed to rate very high; and hence for some years past have desired of you to select for the station, some Brother who could bring to the discharge of its various duties more leisure, more energy, and more influence than it has been my lot to possess. The station is one that will confer honor upon any man, no matter how high may be his pretensions to rank and respectability in society: and just in proportion as it elevates in official dignity, it demands characteristic attainments to meet the responsibility of its requirements. The influence that goes out from the Grand Master's chair, is either for good or for its contrary upon the Fraternity. It can never be passive in its operation. This high officer is the centre of the Masonic system of his State; and like his great prototype in the natural world, must diffuse around him an atmosphere of light and heat, or there will be dearth and sterility and barrenness over every field of his labor.

In the selection of my successor to this elevated and responsible station, I trust that there will be chosen one in every way better qualified to discharge its duties than I have been; and that thus the gain to the Grand Lodge and to the Order in Ohio, will be greatly promoted by the change.

The committee considered it proper to collect together and publish in a compiled form, the different prayers, charges, and portions of scripture, that are generally used in the several degrees. There will be found in this short compilation, more variety than is met with, in any single one of the published Monitors and charts; and in my opinion many of the forms are much improved. Should they meet with your approbation, I recommend that you give them your direct sanction, and that you order them to be used in all our Lodges.

During the month of May last, I had the gratification of attending for two days upon the deliberations of the National Convention of Grand Lodges, then in session in the city of Baltimore, and feel pride in saying to you, that I never had the honor to associate with a body of men, which ranked in its number more of respectability of character, intellectual attainments and Masonic experience than were assembled at that convention. It was organized by the appointment of the R. W. Brother John Dove, of Virginia, as President, and the R. W. and Rev. Brother Albert Case, of South Carolina, as Secretary, and the Rev. Brother W. E. Wyatt, D. D., of Maryland, as Chaplain. Delegates were in attendance from sixteen of the Grand Lodges of the United States. You are all aware that the principal object sought to be obtained through the instrumentality of this Convention was to perfect a uniform system of work in the first three degrees of Masonry. I am happy to inform you that this great desideratum has been accomplished with singular unanimity and concord of feeling. The Convention at Baltimore fully appreciated the heavy responsibilities under which they were acting: they brought to

the discharge of the great duty they had to perform, a spirit of concession, of forbearance and of wisdom; and the result of their labors has been the compilation of a beautiful and harmonious system, worthy of the faultless symmetry of the Temple, whose mysteries it unravels and elucidates. There can be no doubt, but that the work agreed upon by the Baltimore Convention, will ultimately be adopted by every Grand Lodge in the United States.

It may be matter of interest for you to know that the venerable Brother who represented you in that Conventiou, was an active and efficient member of its most important committee, to wit: "On the Work and Lectures in conferring Degrees," and was one of five members of the Convention who became perfectly familiar with the "Work and Lectures," as the agreed channel of communication to others. I take it for granted that you will give to this system the direct sanction of your approval, and thereby establish and enjoin its use upon the Lodges of Ohio; and to the end that all may become intimately acquainted with it, permit me to suggest that the present favorable opportunity be availed of, and that the Representative, the R. W. Brother *John Barney*, be directed to make a special visitation to each Lodge in Ohio, and communicate the Work and Lectures adopted by the committee at Baltimore. This should be done at once, and adequate measures devised to carry it into full effect. Your Representative at Baltimore, will doubtless make you acquainted with the doings of the Convention generally.

There is, however, one matter which was made the subject of their deliberations, to which I desire to invite your particular attention. The committee of the Convention on "Masonic Jurisprudence," presented a very interesting report upon the particular subject matters that were submitted to their consideration, which was fully matured, discussed, and finally adopted with entire unanimity. As the report of this committee embraced topics not entirely within the authorized powers delegated to the Convention, but in my opinion of great practical importance to the general welfare of the Order, I feel that I cannot better bring the whole subject before you than by making that report a part of this communication. The committee say:

"That their first inquiry was, whether the evils which this Convention had met to rectify and remove, have arisen from any defect or fault in the present system of organization as adopted by the fraternity of the United States.

"Your committee beg to say, that in their opinion, the evils alluded to have resulted therefrom, and they refer to the past history of the Order in confirmation thereof.

"When Masonry was introduced into the United States, each sovereign state, in imitation of the good example of the present country—nay, in imitation, we may say, of the great original of Masonry itself—erected a Grand Lodge, to supervise the Lodges throughout its jurisdiction. Wherever these Grand Lodges were active the Craft flourished.

"But your committee now beg to say that in their opinion, this system, excellent as it is, has been only partial in its operation; the Grand Lodges acting entirely independent of each other, without intercommunication except by occasional visitors, began to vary in their modes of work in their several jurisdictions; and where they were careless, the work was essentially different, even under their own observation. This, your committee believe, has been the source of the evils this Convention is expected to correct.

"Unity, throughout the whole Masonic Family, is all-essential. Any system of polity tending to throw an obstacle in its way must be wrong. The simple truth that we are all brethren of one family, and look up to one common Father, the Lord our God, is the basis of all the ancient constitutions. And with reference thereto, your committee are called upon to report what improvement can be made in the present system of Masonic government in this country, which shall hereafter promote and preserve perfect unity in the work and lectures in the rites and ceremonies, and in the determination of previous questions of jurisprudence which may arise, and respecting which the several Grand Lodges may differ.

"Two plans have received their most attentive consideration, viz:

"1st. A General Grand Lodge of the United States.

"2d. A triennial convention of representatives of the several Grand Lodges of the United States.

"Your committee, without incumbering this report with long arguments, beg to recommend the latter course as being that which, in their opinion, will best attain the end proposed, and with a view to bring the subject fairly before the Convention for its action, they beg leave respectfully to propose for adoption the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That this Convention do recommend to the several Grand Lodges of the United States to enter into and form a National Masonic Convention; for the organization and establishment of which the following rules are respectfully submitted:

"RULES, ETC.

"SECTION 1. A Grand Masonic Convention of Free and Accepted Ancient Masons is hereby established for the United States, and shall consist and be composed of representatives from the several Grand Lodges of the United States, one from each; to be chosen, elected or appointed in such manner as the Grand Lodges respectively may think proper to employ.

"SEC. 2. The Convention, when duly established, shall have power and authority—

"1st. To decide upon and settle a uniform mode and form of Masonic work, lectures and ceremonies; so as to retain the ancient customs, ceremonies and forms, and to provide for the necessary instruction therein.

"2d. To prescribe for the fraternity a uniform mode and form for issuing certificates of good standing, and the effect thereof.

"3d. To hear and decide all questions of difference which may be submitted to them in Convention by two or more Grand Lodges. *Provided, however*, that such decision shall bind no Grand Lodge not a party to such reference.

"4th. To adopt and enforce a set of rules for the government of the deliberations of the Convention.

"5th. At each meeting of the Convention, to determine and fix the time and place of each succeeding triennial meeting of the Convention.

"SEC. 3. The several Grand Lodges which may adopt the foregoing rules, shall at their annual communication next before the last of March in the year 1846, and at corresponding meetings, every third year thereafter, elect or appoint, in such manner as they each may respectively think proper, one trusty, well skilled Brother Master Mason, (a resident of the state within which the Grand Lodge is, of which he is a representative,) a representative in said Convention.

"SEC. 4. The representatives of the several Grand Lodges, shall each produce a certificate of his appointment, attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge from which he comes; which certificate, so attested, shall entitle the brother therein named to membership in the Convention.

"SEC. 5. The Convention shall meet for business once every three years, at such day and place as may be ordered, as herein provided.

"SEC. 6. Whenever any Grand Lodge may so order, that they will no longer remain a member of the Convention, such Grand Lodge shall not be represented in the Convention, though bound by its acts.

"SEC. 7. The foregoing rules and grant of power shall not be altered or enlarged, except by recommendation of the Convention, and the consent of two-thirds of the Grand Lodges belonging to the Convention.

"SEC. 8. Whenever thirteen or more Grand Lodges, by resolution or otherwise, shall adopt the foregoing rules, the same shall be established, and the Convention taken as duly organized, as to such Grand Lodges as may adopt them.

"*Resolved*, That it is hereby recommended to the several Grand Lodges of the United States, that if they think proper to adopt the foregoing rules for establishing the Convention, that they will do so by adopting the following form of resolution:

"*Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the State of* ———, That the 'rules for the organization and establishing a Grand Convention of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,' as passed by the Convention of Masons, at the meeting in May, in the year 1843, in the city of Baltimore, composed of eight sections, as the same are set forth in the printed proceedings thereof, be, and the same are hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge."

It will thus be seen that the delegates of sixteen of our Grand Lodges have matured a plan for a National Triennial Convention of representatives, which will meet under a fixed Constitution, with powers strictly limited, yet sufficiently comprehensive to accomplish all the good that could possibly result from the establishment of a General Grand Lodge. I deem it unnecessary to enter into any argument in favor of the proposed National Convention, as the Grand Lodge of Ohio have already, in express terms, anticipated the organization of such a Masonic body.

Your select committee of last session, to whom had been referred the proceedings of the Convention of Grand Lodges at Washington City, say in their report: "May we not expect, in time to come, and that, too, at no remote period, a triennial, or quadrennial meeting of all the Grand Lodges by their representatives, will be found as a matter of course upon the Masonic record, and the result of these meetings, from time to time, shedding a permanent and pure light upon the pathway of Masonry?" In the

expression of this opinion, the Grand Lodge of Ohio fully concurred by adopting the report of the committee. It will only remain, then, if you approve the "Rules of organization," to give your consent and become a party thereto, by adopting the resolution recommended by the Baltimore Convention.

The foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge will be found this year extremely interesting. At each succeeding communication it will become more and more voluminous; and as the representative system begins fully to extend its benefits, we may anticipate the period when the doings of the whole fraternity around the globe will become, through this medium of communication, accessible to every member of our Order; and thus there will be belted around the earth a chain whose links of brotherly affection and intelligence can neither be sundered nor riven. Then will be the bright day of the consummation of Masonry; and a spectacle of the moral sublime will be realized, which no agency short of inspiration can bring about or produce.

I have, on a previous occasion, adverted to the peculiar duties devolving upon your committee on Foreign Communications, which I regard as one of the most important of the standing committees of the Grand Lodge. The time has passed by, and I trust forever, when the annual business of the Grand Lodge will be hurried through with locomotive rapidity, or transacted according to the stereotyped formula of modern preciseness. Masonry claims universality, both in design and operation; and it can only accomplish this lofty attainment by bringing into close and intimate relationship all the Masonic governments in the world. This will never be done until some plan is devised and put into operation which will make each Masonic jurisdiction familiar and acquainted with the doings of each other. As a very important and preliminary step, indeed an essential one to the attainment of this end, I once more venture to suggest that your committee on Foreign Communications make out hereafter a detailed report upon all subjects of general Masonic interest gathered from the proceedings of those Grand Bodies in correspondence with you, and in this manner bring them directly before you for action and approval. It amounts to a direct slander upon the intelligence and usefulness of our brethren, to say, in customary language, that there is nothing to be found of moment or interest in the journals of their Masonic doings. Let such a course be adopted as is here recommended, and the published annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge will become an exceedingly interesting document of intelligence, sought after and read by the fraternity throughout the State. They will cease to be a sealed communication to your Lodges, only received to be consigned away among the rubbish of the Secretary's desk.

I notice that some of the Grand Lodges abroad, and in the United States, have protested against a practice which has lately sprung up in Germany, of interdicting the admission of Jewish brethren into the Lodge rooms. To any one conversant with our Masonic Constitutions, so broad and catholic in all matters of religious tolerance, it will appear strange that such an interdict should have ever been seriously thought of, let alone practiced upon. Especially does it seem most strange and unnatural, that the lineal descendants of our "ancient brethren," who projected the comprehensive system of Freemasonry, should be deprived of those inestimable privileges which *their fathers* planned for every "good man and true," upon the face of the broad earth. I do not suppose that a question like this has ever been agitated in any Lodge of the United States; and I trust that the day is very far distant when such a partisan interpretation of Masonic qualifications will obtain among our fraternity.

I do not know that you will consider this subject of sufficient proximity of interest to engage your specific attention; but as it deeply involves a matter of constitutional right, and is in my judgment subversive of a fundamental principle of Freemasonry, I have deemed it proper to make you acquainted with the fact, so that in case you shall deem it advisable you can, as a sovereign Grand Lodge, put upon perpetual record your solemn disapprobation of proceedings so utterly in opposition to the catholic spirit of our Order.

I feel that I cannot bring this last official communication to a close, without violation to my own feelings, unless I am permitted to advert to the intimate relationship which

has so long subsisted between us, and the peculiar circumstances which force the severance of a tie of brotherhood inexpressibly dear to me. For more than seven years it has been my great privilege to preside over the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and thereby to exercise the functions of Masonic government over the fraternity of the State. It is surely unnecessary for me to say to you how highly I have appreciated the honor of the station, and of the continuous confidence you have reposed in me. The recollection of it will always be to me a source of unmixed gratification, which neither absence nor time will have power to impair; and will under all circumstances be regarded as the most distinguished honor of my life. While I cannot censure myself for any willful neglect of duty during my long ministration of office, I have much cause to regret that it has not been more available to you for good. Within the last two years, particularly, the cares incident to a perplexed personal business left me but little leisure to devote to its active duties.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge I had looked, as a matter of course, to retire from the station, and had hoped that my wishes, so frequently expressed, would have met at that time your concurrent approbation. You, however, were pleased to determine differently, and I felt bound under the circumstances to acquiesce in your decision, although at the time I considered it quite probable that before your next annual meeting my business residence would be fixed in another State. Subsequent events have fully justified this apprehension. My first practical acquaintance with Masonry was learned in Ohio; and some of the most cherished friendships I have formed on earth, have been made in your Lodge rooms. From these dear friends I part with emotions of the deepest regret; and I am free to say that I never anticipate to realize, from other associations and other ties, the same amount of social happiness and comfort. I had hoped that I could have so arranged my business engagements as to have been with you at your present meeting, once more to have presided over your deliberations, and in person to have expressed to you my warm feelings of fraternity and gratitude. This great pleasure has, however, been denied to me, and perhaps it is, after all, better that I should thus express to you feelings which I might not be adequate to do, were I to attempt it in person. There are many of you whom I cannot reasonably expect to meet again on earth; but, dear brethren, little will have been gained in the experience of Freemasonry, did we not look for the fruition of our labors in the enjoyment of the better, loftier and more enduring mysteries of the Heavenly Lodge, in the presence of the Great Creator and Master of all things. I trust that such a happy distinction may be the allotment of you each; and with solemn reliance upon His goodness who has hitherto smiled upon your fraternal organization, I commend you unto the gracious keeping of the God of your Fathers, your own best interests and those of our beloved institution, in its every branch at home and abroad, in all time to come. That He may prosper and abundantly bless you in all your relations of life, family, social and Masonic, is the fervent prayer of him who herewith begs to tender to you each an affectionate farewell. WILLIAM J. REESE, *Grand Master.*

PHILADELPHIA, October 14, 1848.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, it was

Resolved, That the communication of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a select committee of five members, to designate the appropriate committees to whom its several subjects should be referred.

The Chair appointed Brothers Kreider, Barney, Reed, Hubbard and Thrall, said committee.

Brother *Keifer* offered for adoption the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Retrenchment, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge remit the sum of twenty-six dollars to St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, for the year 1842, which was inadvertently or improperly charged and returned at the last session of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Thrall* offered for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to our brother, the M. W. WILLIAM J. REESE, for the able, dignified and useful manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Grand Lodge, and administered its government for the last seven years; and that the Grand Secretary certify a copy of this resolution to Brother Reese, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, and another copy to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Which, on motion, was referred to the committee heretofore appointed, consisting of Brothers Kreider, Barney, Reed, Hubbard and Thrall.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, it was

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge be accorded to Brother W. B. Hubbard, for his interesting and instructive address, this day delivered; and that a copy thereof be respectfully requested for publication with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to elect its officers on to-morrow, at 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That American Union Lodge No. 1, be authorized to resume its labors at Marietta; and that they report their proceedings to the next communication of the Grand Lodge.

2. That said Lodge be discharged from its dues, during the time its labors were suspended.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, it was

Resolved, That the case of Brother Alexander Montgomery, who is represented as a proper object for Masonic charity, be referred to the standing committee on Charity, to report thereon.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*,

Resolved, That Mount Moriah Lodge No. 37, is hereby authorized to resume its labors; that it be discharged from all Grand Lodge dues during the time it ceased labor, and that said Lodge be directed to report their proceedings to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Reed* presented the proceedings of Clinton Lodge, Champaign county, working under dispensation; which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

A petition was presented from members of Temple Lodge No. 28, and Hiram Lodge No. —, to have the said Lodges united, and to hold their meetings under the charter of Temple Lodge; which petition was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

FRIDAY EVENING, 7½ O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge convened: When Brother *John Barney* made report of the proceedings at the convention of Grand Lecturers, and the Grand Lodge then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 21, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present same as before.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read.

Brother *Kreider* asked leave of absence for Brother Boswell, who represents Union Lodge, at Ripley, and asked some funds, which was referred to the committee on the Pay Roll.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, asked leave for said committee to sit during the sessions of the Grand Lodge; which was granted.

Brother *Van Hook* offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, Oxford Lodge having ceased from its labors since the year 1831, and is lately resuscitated; therefore,

Resolved, That the dues of Oxford Lodge No. 67, be remitted to the present time.

Brother *Caldwell* presented the account of the M. W. Grand Master, William J. Reese, which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Mackall* presented the By-Laws of Friendship Lodge, which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The committee on Credentials made the following additional report:

That since submitting their former report, the following additional Lodges are present by their representatives, to wit:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
25.	Paramuthia	N. Root.
48.	Aurora	A. C. Davis.
85.	Jackson	Hiram Tenney.
98.	Minerva	Silas H. Smith.
108.	Washington	Henry Barton.
112.	Wood County	Jairus Curtis.

Brother *S. H. Smith* presented the proceedings of Minerva Lodge, working under dispensation, which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Caldwell* presented his account for money advanced for printing, and also the account of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, for blank charters, which were referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Brother *S. Reed*, it was

Resolved, That Columbia Lodge No. 44, be allowed until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1844, to pay their arrearages of Grand Lodge dues for the year 1842.

Brother *Griffith* moved the reconsideration of the resolution in relation to the election of Grand Officers, which was lost.

On motion of Brother *Hine*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Tarlton Lodge, at Tarlton, and New Lisbon Lodge, at New Lisbon, be ordered to suspend all Masonic business until they pay their grand dues.

Brother *Weeks Copelen* presented the proceedings of Charity Lodge No. 53, which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Cook*,

Resolved, That the fees heretofore paid by Temple Lodge No. 28, Wadsworth and Seville Lodge No. 74, and Chardon Lodge No 93, which were directed to be refunded by a resolution of last session, be now paid to the representatives of said Lodges, after deducting the Grand Secretary's fees for their charters.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That hereafter a suitable index be appended, by the Grand Secretary, to the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Eastman*, it was

Resolved, That the petition of the brethren at Medina, be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to report thereon during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, Brothers Eastman, Hosmer and Porter were appointed said committee.

Brother *Hubbard* presented resolutions adopted by Jackson Lodge No. 35, which, on his motion, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion, it was

1. *Resolved*, That Washington Lodge No. 108, held in West Carlisle, Coshocton county, have the privilege of holding its meetings either in West Bedford, East Union, or West Carlisle, as the members of said Lodge may consider will promote the interest of the said Lodge.
2. That each member of this Grand Lodge be requested to subscribe his name, with his place of residence, in order that the same may be appended to the printed minutes of the present session.

Brother *A. Death*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances have had under consideration the case of Brother David Scott, of Warren Lodge, No. 24, who stands suspended by that Lodge, and are of opinion, from the information they have received on the subject, that the Lodge acted hastily and indiscreetly with Brother Scott, who, in the opinion of your committee, has done nothing that should deprive him of all the privileges of Masonry, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That brother David Scott, of Warren Lodge No. 24, be restored to his former standing in said Lodge, and that he be received as a visitor in this Grand Lodge.

A. Death,
K. Porter,
John Sayre.

Brother *Brock*, offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, referred to the committee on Accounts:

Resolved, That Salem Lodge No. 187, have leave to retain the jewels loaned them by the Grand Lodge at the last communication, by paying ——— dollars to the Grand Treasurer.

Brother ——— offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Accounts:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge refund to Paramuthia Lodge the sum of four dollars, paid as grand dues for 1842, for persons improperly returned as members of said Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed forthwith to make and deliver to Brother Beech, a certified copy of the resolution reviving American Union Lodge No. 1, at Marietta, and Mt. Moriah Lodge No. —, at Waterford.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*,

Resolved, That the account of Brother George Myers, Grand Treasurer, be referred to a select committee of five, for examination, with instructions to report thereon.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as said committee Brothers Shinnick, Willock, Kreider, Van Hook and J. N. Burr.

Brother *Hildreth* presented the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Mansfield Lodge No. 35, through a misunderstanding of the regulations of the Grand Lodge, paid, at the last session, one dollar for each member initiated, passed and raised during the preceding year: *Therefore*,

Resolved, That the amount so paid be placed to the credit of Mansfield Lodge.

Which preamble and resolution were referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Howard* offered the following resolution, which was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it do adjourn to meet on the third Tuesday in October, 1844.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master made the following report of his official proceedings during the past year:

In making the report of my official proceedings during the past year, I, of necessity, am extremely brief.

There have been but two applications made to me for dispensations; one of them was from the resuscitated Minerva Lodge, located at Miamisburgh. The application was made in proper form, and accompanied by forty dollars in money, which I herewith hand to the Grand Secretary. And not discovering any objection, I accordingly granted the dispensation prayed for. The other application was from the town of Loudonville, in Richland county; but not being able to ascertain from the papers themselves whether either of the applicants was a Past Master, I refrained from granting the dispensation, and here submit the papers together with forty dollars in money which accompanied them, to the action of the Grand Lodge.

During the past year one or two cases have occurred in the Lodges of Cincinnati, where the applicants for initiation into the mysteries of our craft, though residents of that city, and in one case while the application was still pending, proceeded to New York city, and there obtained the degrees necessary to constitute them Master Masons. This evil appears to be a growing one, and one which would seem to demand some action on the part of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The particular details of the cases alluded to, will be laid before the Grand Lodge by some of the Lodges located in Cincinnati, and I cannot refrain from expressing the hope, that such action will be taken in relation to this practice as will effectually prevent its continuance. All of which is respectfully submitted,

DAVID T. DISNEY, *D. G. M.*

On motion of Brother *Kreider*,

Resolved, That so much of the communication of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master as refers to the existing evil of candidates, residents of this state, obtaining degrees in Masonry from Lodges in other states be referred to the same committee to whom the communication of the M. W. Grand Master was referred, to report thereon.

Which, on motion of Brother *Keifer*, was referred to the committee of five heretofore appointed to designate the appropriate committees to whom should be referred the several subjects of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master for the same purpose.

The committee appointed to designate the appropriate committees on

the several subjects of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the M. W. Grand Master, Wm. J. Reese, to designate the appropriate committees to whom its several subjects should be referred, and also to whom the resolution of thanks of the Grand Lodge to the M. W. Grand Master was referred, having had the same under consideration, report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the granting of dispensations, be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.
2. That so much as refers to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, be referred to a select committee of five members.
3. That so much as refers to the Grand Lodge Hall, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.
4. That so much as refers to the labors of the committee appointed to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, with the printed compilation prepared by them, be referred to a select committee of five members.
5. That so much as refers to the proceedings of the Convention of Delegates from Grand Lodges at Baltimore, be referred to a select committee of five members.
6. That so much as refers to the proceedings of Lodges in Germany, interdicting the admission of Jewish brethren to the Lodge rooms, be referred to the standing committee on Foreign Communications.
7. That so much as refers to the duties of the committee on Foreign Communications be referred to that committee.
8. That the Grand Lodge do unanimously agree to the resolution of thanks to the M. W. Grand Master, and the same is hereby adopted.
9. That the M. W. Grand Master, Wm. J. Reese, be respectfully requested to sit for his portrait for the use of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, and that the Grand Secretary forward to him a certified copy of this resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. Z. Kreider, *Chairman.*

The committee further report in reference to the communication of the R. W. D. G. Master referred to them, as follows:

Resolved, That so much thereof as refers to the evil complained of on account of candidates leaving the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge to obtain degrees in Masonry, be referred to a select committee of five members.

M. Z. Kreider, *Chairman.*

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master thereupon appointed, (in part,) the committees referred to in the foregoing reports, as follows:

On the 2d resolution, Brothers Hubbard, Kreider, Drinker, Reed and Barney.

On the 4th resolution, Brothers Griffith, Palmer, Sayre, Donahoo and Leidy.

On the 5th resolution, Brothers Kreider, Shinnick, Brock, Milligan and Gephart.

Also, Brothers Hubbard, Kreider, Drinker, Reed and Barney, a committee upon so much of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master's report as refers to the evil complained of on account of candidates leaving the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge to obtain degrees of Masonry elsewhere.

Brother *Kreider* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a select committee of five members be appointed, to whom the subject matter of the resolution in reference to the procuring the portrait of the M. W. Grand Master, William J. Reese, be referred to carry out the object contemplated, under such instructions as the Grand Lodge may order.

Whereupon the R. W. D. Grand Master appointed Brothers Death, J. N. Burr, Willock, Benjamin and Cook, said committee.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and transactions of Corinthian Lodge No. —, held at McConnelsville, have carefully examined said documents, and find the action of the M. W. Grand Master in granting said dispensation to have been correct; their By-Laws in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, and their transactions conformable to the ancient usages of the Order.

The same committee, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and transactions of Wood county Lodge No. —, Washington, have examined the same, and find nothing therein but what appears regular and in form, according to the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

The said committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution asking that the dues of Oxford Lodge No. 67, be remitted up to the present time, and the accompanying papers, have examined the same; from which the committee learn that said Oxford Lodge ceased its labors in the year 1831, and held no meetings from that time until the 12th day of August, 1843; when twelve of the brethren who had formerly constituted a portion of its members, assembled and resolved to resume their Masonic labors under their former organization and did so resume and proceed to work, even to the conferring of Degrees. This your committee deem such a departure from the fundamental rules of our Order as should not escape the marked animadversion of this body. It is a virtual dispensing with the authority and protection of the Grand Lodge in one of its most vital functions. If the members of a Lodge after having been in a state of inanimation and suspense for the term of twelve successive years, can of their own independent action, resume work, proceed to the election of officers and conferring of degrees, we can scarcely conceive what need they have for any action on the part of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee, however, are convinced, from the papers placed in their hands by their brethren of Oxford Lodge, that they designed no disrespect to the authority of the Grand Lodge, but have been led into their error by the inconsiderate advice of well meaning but misjudging brethren. We are fully persuaded that said brethren have, in all their doings, acted in good faith, and with a laudable desire to promote the interests of Masonry. We are advised that perfect harmony and concord now subsist among the brethren at Oxford, and that they are ready and anxious to proceed in their Masonic labors, under the authority and protection of the Grand Lodge.

The committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and transactions of Clinton Lodge No. —, Mechanicsburg, Champaign county, and find them correct.

The same committee, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and transactions of Warrenton Lodge No. —, Warrenton, Jefferson county, have examined the same, and find the granting of the dispensation, and the provisions of the By-Laws to be correct. The committee observe, from the records of the Lodge, that petitions for degrees have been received and acted upon at special meetings; and in various cases, in the judgment of the committee, too much business of that character has been transacted at special meetings; which proceedings your committee recommend to the brethren of said Lodge to correct in its future transactions in this particular.

The same committee have considered the application referred to them, of sundry Masons in Marietta, heretofore members of American Union Lodge No. 1, praying authority to reörganize under their former charter; and being satisfied that the interests of Masonry will be promoted by the granting of the prayer of the petitioners, the committee approve of the object and action of their brethren of Marietta, in the premises.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That charters be granted to Corinthian Lodge No. 111, McConnelsville; to Wood County Lodge No. 112, Washington; to Clinton Lodge No. 113, Mechanicsburg; and Warrenton Lodge No. 114, Warrenton, Jefferson county.

2. That the brethren at Oxford be authorized to resume work under their charter;

that they be instructed to *heal* such persons as they have conferred degrees upon since their suspension of labors in 1831, and that their dues to the present time be remitted.

3. That the brethren of American Union Lodge No. 1, be authorized to resume work under their charter.

W. B. Thrall,
Samuel Reed,
A. D. Bigelow.

Which report was accepted, and the resolutions agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Cook*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the representative of Temple Lodge No. 28, the sum of thirty-five dollars; and to the representative of Wadsworth and Seville Lodge No. 74, the sum of thirty-five dollars; and to the representative of Chardon Lodge No. 93, the sum of thirty-five dollars, (being the amount severally paid by said Lodges for dispensations,) after deducting the Grand Secretary's fees, in pursuance of the resolution of the Grand Lodge, at its annual communication in 1842.

Brother *Thrall*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following reports, which were accepted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the revised By-Laws of Charity Lodge No. 53; of Milford Lodge No. 54; of Columbus Lodge No. 30, have examined the same, and find them *squared* by the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

W. B. Thrall,
Samuel Reed,
A. D. Bigelow.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and records of Minerva Lodge No. 98, Miamisburg, having examined the same, find them in proper form. The members of said Lodge pray that their former charter, and the jewels of their Lodge, be restored, and the fee by them paid for their dispensation, be refunded; which the committee believe to be in accordance with former usage of the Grand Lodge in like cases.

The committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and records of Hiram Lodge No. —, held at Mentor, Geauga county, together with the transactions of a meeting of Masons, members of Temple Lodge No. 28, and said Hiram Lodge No. —, contemplating a union of said Lodges, to hold their meetings in Painesville, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, under the charter of Temple Lodge; which proposed union is sanctioned by the unanimous assent of thirty-one brethren, members of said Lodges, as is certified to the Grand Lodge. The proceedings in reference to the granting of the dispensation appear to have been correct. The matter of the union of said Lodges, and the location of the consolidated Lodge, are questions of expediency of which the brethren of the Lodges are more competent to judge than the members of this committee.

The committee have examined the By-Laws of New Richmond Lodge No. —, and its records, all of which meet the approbation of the committee. But, inasmuch as the dispensation under which said Lodge is working has not been submitted to the inspection of the committee, the committee are unable to report in reference to that matter.

The committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That Miamisburg Lodge No. 98, be authorized to resume its charter and jewels, and continue its work; and that the fee paid by the brethren of said Lodge for the dispensation, be refunded to said Lodge.

2. That the brethren of Hiram Lodge No. —, be authorized to unite with the brethren of Temple Lodge No. 28, and hold their meetings at Painesville, under the charter of said Temple Lodge.

3. That the dispensation granted to New Richmond Lodge No. —, Clermont county, be continued until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

W. B. Thrall,
Samuel Reed,
A. D. Bigelow.

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following reports, which were unanimously agreed to:

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred resolutions of Jackson Lodge No. 85, asking authority to remove said Lodge to Brownsville, have bestowed upon the subject due attention, and are of opinion that the request of said Lodge should be granted. They accordingly recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Jackson Lodge No. 85, be authorized to hold its future meetings in the town of Brownsville, Licking county; and that when said Lodge shall have been so removed, it shall certify the fact to the Grand Secretary.

W. B. Thrall,
Samuel Reed,
A. D. Bigelow.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the resolutions proposing to grant leave to Washington Lodge No. 108, to hold its meetings either in West Bedford, East Union or West Carlisle, as the members of said Lodge may consider will promote the interests of said Lodge, report back said resolution, amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That whenever, in the course of the present year, Washington Lodge No. 108, West Carlisle, Coshocton county, shall deem it to the interest of said Lodge to change its location, and shall so determine by a vote of a majority of the members of said Lodge present at a regular meeting thereof, it shall have the privilege of holding its meetings at either one of the following places, viz: West Bedford, East Union or West Carlisle; and if it so change, it shall be the duty of said Lodge forthwith to notify the Grand Secretary of said change.

W. B. Thrall,
Samuel Reed,
A. D. Bigelow.

Which report was accepted, and the resolution as amended adopted:

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brethren of Medina county, reported the following, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of several brethren at the county seat of Medina county, beg leave to report that they have had the subject of said petition under consideration, and from satisfactory evidence have ascertained that Medina Lodge No. 58, formerly worked under a legal charter from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at the town of Medina, and for several years previous to the year 1828, maintained a reputable standing among the subordinate Lodges of Ohio, and it was at the time respectable, both as to numbers and Masonic abilities of its members; yet, notwithstanding, it was forced to yield to the maddened frenzy of popular excitement, and in common with the other Lodges of that part of the State, suspended its Masonic labors for the time being. The books and papers were left with a brother, the Hon. John Freeze, then Secretary of said Lodge, for safe keeping. Subsequently Brother Freeze died, and the papers, books, etc , have fallen into the hands of our enemies. The jewels, a copy of the By-Laws, and a part of the records have been reclaimed by the brethren, but the charter is supposed to be lost or destroyed.

In view of this state of facts, and believing that it will advance the best interests of the fraternity, you committee respectfully submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption by the Grand Lodge:

1. *Resolved,* That a new charter be issued to Medina Lodge No. 58, on the payment to the Grand Secretary of five dollars, for the expense of issuing the same, and that all Grand Lodge dues to this time be remitted; and that Medina Lodge take rank and precedence the same as if it had not lost its charter.

2. That Brother David H. Weed, who is a Past Master, avouched for as such by the Master of Wadsworth and Seville Lodge, be appointed Master, Brother Ezra D. Brown be appointed Senior Warden, and Brother Charles Linn be appointed Junior Warden of Medina Lodge; and that they make report of their proceedings to the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

N. Eastman,
H. Hosmer,
K. Porter.

Which report was concurred in, and resolutions adopted.

On motion of Brother *Leidy*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until this afternoon, at 1 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 1 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge convened and proceeded to business.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee to whom was referred the resolution in relation to Salem Lodge No. 87, made the following report, which, on motion, was laid on the table, to wit:

Resolved, That Salem Lodge No. 87, have until our next communication to pay for the jewels purchased from the Grand Lodge.

GEORGE L. SHINNICK, *Chairman.*

Brother *Shinnick* offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Brother *Cook*, was referred to the committee on Retrenchment:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to append the names of the several subordinate Lodges, with their times and places of meeting, together with a list of their officers and members, to the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and to procure four hundred copies to be printed, and that he send one to each delegate present, and three to each Lodge; and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount of the expenses.

Brother *W. B. Hubbard*, on behalf of Brother J. S. Burr, presented to the Grand Lodge a copy of a newly published Freemason's Monitor, by Z. A. Davis; which, on his motion, was ordered to be laid up among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, in pursuance of their resolution heretofore adopted, went into the election for Grand Officers, for the ensuing year; when, on counting the ballots, the following brethren were declared duly elected:

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Circleville, Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID T. DISNEY, Cincinnati, Deputy Grand Master.
" " WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, Columbus, Grand Senior Warden.
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Troy, Grand Junior Warden.
" " JOHN G. WILLOCK, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Chillicothe, Grand Secretary.
" " A. D. BIGELOW, Newark, Grand Marshal.
" " MICHAEL Z. KREIDER, Lancaster, Grand Orator.
" " THEOPHILUS KECKELER, Cleveland, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " GEORGE D. PALMER, Zanesville, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Rev. WILLIAM P. STRICKLAND, Lancaster, Grand Chaplain.
" " SAMUEL REED, Cincinnati, Grand Lecturer.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.

On motion of Brother *Barney*, the officers elect were installed and took their appropriate stations.

Brother *Griffith*, from the committee to whom so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication was referred as relates to the preparation of a *Constitution* and a revision of the *By-Laws* of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the preparation of a *Constitution* and revision of the

By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, have attended to the duties assigned them, and report the following amendments, to wit:

Page 48, Section 19, strike out "seventy-five," and insert "fifty."

Page 48, Section 21, strike out after the word "forfeit," "the whole of the property of the subordinate Lodge of every kind and description," and insert "the jewels and furniture belonging to the subordinate Lodge."

Page 52, Chapter 9, Section 2, strike out the word "*Senior.*"

Page 53, Chapter 9, Section 7, after the word "Gospel," add "provided, also, that the initiation fee shall not be demanded by the Grand Lodge in such cases."

Page 54, Section 15, after the word "city," add, "but this section shall not be so construed as to prohibit application for membership in any Lodge within the county in which the applicant resides."

T. Griffith,
G. D. Palmer,
J. Sayre,
J. T. Donahoo,
J. Leidy.

Which report, on motion of Brother *Caldwell*, was laid on the table.

Brother *Vinal* offered the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were laid on the table, to wit:

Whereas, a great difference of opinion exists among the several subordinate Lodges throughout the State, upon the propriety of returning to the Grand Lodge as members, those who have been raised within the year; *and whereas*, a uniform practice is desirable upon this as well as upon all other subjects connected with the prosperity of the institution; *Therefore*,

Resolved, That in future, no subordinate Lodge shall be required to return to the Grand Lodge any member who has been admitted during the year in which such grand communication is held.

Brother *Death*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following reports, which were agreed to, to wit:

The committee on Grievances report, (in part,) that they have had under consideration the complaint of certain members of Franklin Lodge No. 14, in relation to certain proceedings of said Lodge, in the initiation of Brother Richard White, and find, from a copy of the proceedings of said Lodge, and such other testimony as they have been enabled to obtain, that their action has been, (in this matter,) in accordance with the usage and customs of the fraternity, and that the brethren complaining are only laboring under a mistaken view of the subject. Your committee are therefore of opinion that there is nothing connected with the subject requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted. A. Death, *Chairman.*

The committee on Grievances further report: That in relation to the complaint of Mr. T. W. Mansfield, who stands expelled from Franklin Lodge No. 14, that in consequence of the failure of the Secretary of said Lodge to send a copy of the proceedings had in said case to the Grand Lodge, your committee are unable to offer any other than the following resolution on the subject:

Resolved, That the complaint of Mr. T. W. Mansfield, against the proceedings of Franklin Lodge, No. 14, be laid over until the next annual grand communication of the Grand Lodge.

Which is respectfully submitted.

A. Death,
K. Porter,
John Sayre.

On motion of Brother *Leidy*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, October 23, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, and proceeded to the transaction of business. Present the same officers and members as on Saturday.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of Brother J. N. Burr, as a member of the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, to supply the vacancy in said committee.

On motion, Brother John Barney was excused from serving on the committee relating to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan—and Brother M. M. Laughlin appointed to supply the same.

Brother *A. C. Davis* introduced the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted, to wit:

Whereas, at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was adopted to the effect that this Grand Lodge do approve of the contemplated convention of the Grand Lodges of the United States, proposed to be holden at Baltimore, Maryland; and that Brother John Barney, Grand Lecturer, attend as a delegate from this Grand Lodge to said convention; *And whereas*, such convention duly assembled, and after mature deliberation, unanimously agreed upon a uniform mode of work to be pursued in the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; *Therefore*,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do approve of the proceedings of said convention in that behalf, and order that the mode of work so adopted, be obligatory upon all Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lecturer act in accordance with this resolution in imparting lectures.

On motion of Brother *S. H. Smith*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, the charter and jewels of Minerva Lodge No. 98, were deposited with the Grand Lodge in 1839, and were, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, at its present session, ordered to be returned; *And whereas*, the said charter cannot be found, *therefore*,

Resolved, That a new charter issue to said Minerva Lodge No. 98, upon the payment of the fee for issuing such new charter.

Brother *Copelen*, from the committee on the Grand Lodge Hall, made a report, which was referred back to the same committee to correct any language that may be found improper.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Retrenchment be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution referred to them in relation to the remission of certain dues improperly paid by St. Johns' Lodge No. 13.

The M. W. Grand Master, on motion of Brother *Raleigh*, appointed as a member of the select committee on Retrenchment, Brother Weir, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Brother Griffith.

Brother *Hubbard*, Chairman of the select committee on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, herewith report:

That they have carefully examined all the papers and communications, in relation to the subject, now in possession of the Grand Lodge, and inclusive of the document of date the 8th of July last, and have had no difficulty in arriving at one and the same

conclusion, *to wit:* That the Grand Lodge of Michigan, as at present constituted and organized, is a lawful Masonic body, and justly entitled to respect and recognition by this and all other Grand Lodges, as well as by all of the fraternity, as the "Grand Lodge of Michigan."

The committee have deemed it unnecessary to encumber your minutes with a detail of the facts connected with the resuscitation of that Masonic body, as, with the exception of the last official communication received through our late Grand Master, they are embodied in the report of a select committee, made at our last grand communication, upon pages 26, 27 and 28.

That report furnishes a correct synopsis of the facts; and your committee desire the members of the Grand Lodge to refer to it as part of this report, and for the better and more satisfactory understanding of the case. The reason that the Grand Lodge did not at their last session recognize the lawful existence of that Grand body, may be found in that part of the committee's report which implied a doubt whether the "Subordinate Lodges still retained their organization and had not crumbled to pieces by lapse of time." By the late official information that doubt must cease to exist. We are assured that they constantly retained their organization, to the extent as your committee believe necessary, under the circumstances, for resuscitation and work. "They had their charters, By-Laws, records and a sufficient number of officers and brethren in each case to assemble and open a Lodge at a moment's notice, and some of them actually did so by permission of the Junior Grand Warden, who remained in the state."

Their condition, it is true, was a peculiar one. They had at the instance of their Grand Lodge, suspended work for the "time being"—a phrase appropriately applicable at that period. They were to leave work for the present, but to hold themselves in readiness as soon as the proper time arrived, to resume labor. In this, and throughout, they conformed to a regulation of their Grand Lodge.

At length—and after a full and free interchange of opinion, by the remaining officers of the Grand Lodge, and of the subordinate Lodges, and members of the Masonic fraternity in general—the auspicious and long looked for moment had arrived, in which they might in peace and confidence resume their Masonic labors. The Junior Grand Warden, succeeding, according to Masonic usage, to the powers *ex officio* of the Grand Master, required the old Lodges to resume their labors; they did so. By virtue of the powers in him vested, as the representative of the Grand Lodge, he, on application, issued a dispensation for a new Lodge at Mt. Clemens. The day appointed by the Constitution of their Grand Lodge for the assembling of that body arrived, and under that sacred instrument, and at the time and place appointed therein, the representatives of the subordinate Lodges assembled, chose their officers and transacted the business of the Grand Lodge; and from that time hitherto have continued in full life and vigor as Grand and subordinate Masonic bodies of Michigan.

Your committee have noticed with regret, that our sister Grand Lodge of New York, has granted a dispensation to applicants within the bounds and jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, to hold a subordinate Lodge of Master Masons therein. This course, if persisted in, must inevitably lead to the establishment, in time to come, of two, and adverse Grand Lodges in the same state, to the serious and lasting injury of the whole Masonic body. As each Grand Lodge in the several states is supreme within its own borders, and answerable to itself for any abuse of its powers, the only remedy in a case of this kind is by an appeal to the better feelings and judgment of the officers and brethren composing such Grand Lodge, and, with great respect for their high standing and upright intentions, to beseech them to assume no act of even doubtful power. Actuated by the kindest feelings towards each of the aforesaid Grand Lodges, your committee express the earnest desire that fraternal intercourse and harmony may be restored between them. And to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and the subordinate Lodge or Lodges working under authority of a foreign Grand Lodge, we would as mediator, respectfully suggest, that such subordinate Lodge, apply for and

receive a charter from the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the fees for which to be remitted, and that it be duly installed and healed, if necessary, by the Grand Master or his Deputy

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Hubbard,
T. B. Drinker,
M. Z. Kreider,
M. M. Laughlin.

Brother *Drinker*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report, which was accepted:

The committee on Foreign Communications report: That they have examined the various subjects and documents committed to their charge as carefully and fully as time and circumstances would permit. And they have only to regret that the short period allotted to them, and other intervening engagements, have prevented their entering as much at large upon the extremely interesting and valuable matters embraced within the sphere of their department, as their importance and interest would have justified. The true object and design of the establishment of the committee on Foreign Communications, undoubtedly was to obtain through it, an annual statement or history of the progress, condition and prospects of Masonry in the different states of this Union, and throughout the world. Freemasonry is the same in every clime, its interests are everywhere identical, and the sympathy of Masons is universal. And whatever transpires of good or evil to the Order in one region, should be known, as it must in some degree be felt, by every other.

With a view to the diffusion of such knowledge, the system of Foreign Communications and committees thereon have been established, and it is greatly to be regretted that some arrangement has not been made with us in Ohio, by which sufficient time would be allotted the committee to enable them to fulfill their duty in a manner which would be satisfactory to themselves, and would answer the object and intent of their appointment. To attain this desirable end, the following resolution is respectfully submitted to the consideration and action of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That a committee on Foreign Communications be appointed by the present Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to prepare a full and detailed report, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next grand communication. And further, that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, to forward to such committee, at least one month previously to the meeting of the next Grand Lodge, all the documents and communications pertaining to their department which shall come to his hand. And further, that he shall endeavor to obtain communications from every state in the Union, and from as many foreign states us possible.

Communications containing the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodges of those states respectively, have been received from New York, Maine, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and the Territory of Florida. All of these documents contain matter of interest, and some of them of great importance. But it is impossible in the limited period allowed the committee between the time of their appointment and the adjournment or the Grand Lodge, to do even the most stinted justice to them. Your committeee have therefore determined to avoid the imputation of doing their work slovenly, not to do it at all; but to leave it to that committee which it is hoped the Grand Lodge will appoint, agreeably to their suggestion.

Two communications were also received, containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, for the year 1842 and 1843, respectively. These proceedings contain several matters of interest, and among others, the report to that body, of Brother George K. Tenlon, who had been previously appointed 'special delegate' to visit New York, England, &c., on Masonic business.

A document was also received from the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ireland, containing an abstract of their proceedings "from the 24th of June to the 27th of December, 1838," together with "abstract of Rules to be observed, etc."

Also a document containing a "list of Officers of the Grand Lodge of the state of Pennsylvania, for 1843." No proceedings.

There seems to pervade Masonry throughout the Union, a sense of the importance of

establishing a "uniform system of work" in conferring the first three degrees of Masonry. But there also appears to exist some diversity of opinion as to what that mode of work shall be, or rather how, or from what source, it shall be obtained. The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, has recommended a delegation to England to ascertain the most approved mode of work in that country. This might perhaps be considered as pointing to the mode of work as practiced by the ancient York Masons, in its original purity, as the most desirable to be adopted in the United States.

This suggestion is sustained by the report of the Texan delegate before spoken of, who states that he found differences in the mode of work in England from what prevails in America, and thinks that the American mode would be improved by conforming our practice to theirs. Different States seem to think diversely of the New Hampshire proposition. Sixteen Grand Lodges sent delegates to the Baltimore Convention, with the design, among others, of agreeing upon some uniform mode of work. The result of their labors has been communicated to you through the proper organ, your delegate to that convention. What action should be had thereon your committee are not prepared to advise.

In the communication of our late M. W. Grand Master, William J. Reese, it is recommended that the Grand Master do, in the course of the year, visit all the subordinate Lodges of the State. This recommendation is in conformity with a resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last session, and ought undoubtedly to be complied with, if it were possible.

The work in many subordinate Lodges is doubtless very loosely done, and needs the inspection and correction of some one capable of correcting and instructing. But the duty is one which it is impossible for the Grand Master or any one individual to perform. And to correct the evil, and relieve the Grand Master, your committee would respectfully suggest the propriety of dividing our State as some other Grand Lodges have their respective States, into Masonic districts, and appointing a visiting lecturer for each district, whose duty it shall be to visit the several Lodges of his district, and see that their work is perfectly done.

This duty would not be onerous, inasmuch as each visiting lecturer would probably be a resident of the district for which he was appointed.

In relation to the triennial Masonic Convention proposed by the recent Baltimore Convention, your committee have only to say that they approve of the proposition. They decidedly prefer the plan of a convention to be composed of delegates from the Grand Lodges of the several States, to that of "a General Grand Lodge of the United States." And they further recommend the adoption by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, of the resolution offered by the Baltimore Convention, for the action of the Grand Lodges for the several States. That resolution is in the following words:

"*Resolved*, By the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, that the 'rules for the organization and establishing a Grand Convention of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,' as passed by the convention of Masons at the meeting in May, in the year 1843, in the city of Baltimore, composed of eight sections, as the same are set forth in the printed proceedings thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted by this Grand Lodge."

Your committee cannot too strongly urge upon the Grand Lodge of Ohio the adoption of a system of diplomatic relations, by the appointment of worthy brothers residing within the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of the several States of this Union, and the Grand Lodges of foreign States, to act as Masonic agents, representatives or ministers, as they are variously called, for the Masonic State of Ohio, near the Masonic governments to which they respectively belong. This system of Masonic diplomatic relations has been found conducive of great benefit to the Order, in creating and extending brotherly feelings and intercourse, and in diffusing valuable Masonic knowledge wherever the system has been acted upon. In this country it has been adopted only in a few States, and in those only to a very limited extent. In Europe it is believed to prevail generally.

Your committee find that there has been considerable discussion in the different Grand Lodges of the United States, in relation to the effect of a "suspension" of a brother. A still greater diversity of opinion and practice is thought to exist among subordinate Lodges. It is desirable that this question should be decided. Your com-

mittee concur in the opinion of the convention at Washington, that a "suspension is a deprivation for the time being of all Masonic privileges." It is absurd to *relieve* of the burdens of Masonry by suspension for improper conduct, and yet concede all the *privileges* of the Order. It is hoped the Grand Lodge will agree with us in opinion, and thus establish a uniform rule in Ohio in relation to this matter.

A practice, in the opinion of your committee highly reprehensible, has been found to exist more or less in the subordinate Lodges of some other States as well as our own, of transacting Masonic business, other than that of conferring the lower degrees and the lectures appropriate thereto, when open in degree below that of Master Mason. The convention of Washington strongly condemned the practice, and the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri and others approved of that decision. It is desirable that this error should be corrected, and it is not doubted by your committee that the Grand Lodge of Ohio will correct it in our State by adhering to the decision of the Grand Lodge, made at its last grand communication.

The only remaining subject for the action of your committee, under the rule they have prescribed for themselves in making this *ad interim* report, is one of deep and abiding interest—one in which are enlisted all the nobler feelings and kindly sympathies of our nature, as men and as Masons—one on which we shall fail adequately to express our feelings, yet to which we cannot forbear from alluding. We refer to the course of certain Masonic Lodges of the German States, in relation to the Jews. A number of Lodges in those States have excluded them from all the privileges accorded to the professors of other religions, both as candidates for initiation into the mysteries of the ancient Order, and as visiting brethren, after they have been regularly and legally made Masons in other Lodges or other countries. At the head of these opposing Lodges, are those of the three Grand Lodges of Berlin and their subordinate Lodges. A full and deeply interesting account of these difficulties will be found in the able and valuable report of the committee on Foreign Communications, made to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, in the month of June of the present year. To that document we refer the Masons of Ohio for the particulars of this controversy, and for much more valuable information.

Your committee cannot refrain from expressing their deep mortification that such, in our opinion, unmasonic a position should have been assumed by any brethren of our holy, generous and liberal Order. Your committee had always believed that Masonry in its wisdom and purity, its beauty and strength, was elevated far above the petty strifes of sectarianism, and beyond the reach of vulgar and malignant prejudice; that the foundations of its glorious temple rested upon the eternal rock of Truth; that it ascended to the heights of the starry heavens, * * * * * *. We had thought that Masonry extended to every clime, and embraced within its ample bounds men of every nation, sect, name and denomination, who acknowledged and with holy reverence bowed to that Almighty Being to whom the temple of Masonry was first, and ever has been dedicated.

We had thought that to be faithful, just and true—to be upright, honorable and sincere, were the requisites of Masonry. We had thought that the want of these qualities, with others particularly known to Masons, were the defects which excluded men from partaking in our mystic rites. But it seems that in some parts of the world it is at this late day discovered, that to be descended from the chosen people of God, to claim affinity to the founders of our holy Order, to claim origin from the subjects of King Solomon, is a defect and a crime sufficient to exclude them from the honors and the privileges of the institution erected and handed down to us by their ancestors. If such doctrines and such practices are to find favor among us, we had better at once cut down the evergreen tree of Masonry, and plant the Acacia over the ruins of our fallen edifice.

Masonry, at least, should not join in the unholy persecution of that scattered and fallen, and yet protected race. If driven by the unrighteous hatred and unjust prejudices of a hostile world from every other asylum, the children of Israel should still find a refuge in the temple of Masonry, erected and established by their fathers, and dedi-

cated by them to *their* God and *our* God. Let the voice of Masonic Ohio be loud and emphatic in condemnation of the course pursued by the German Lodges towards our Israelitish brethren; and while we thus condemn, let us hope they will perceive their error and retrace their steps.

Your committee have now fulfilled their duty, as far as time and the course prescribed for themselves would permit. We have presented such matters only as we felt could not justly be omitted; and some of which require the action of the present Grand Lodge. We will, in conclusion, again urge upon the Grand Lodge the appointment of the committee as within suggested, in order that a more satisfactory and elaborate report may be had at the next grand communication, that justice may be done to the important subject of the condition of Masonry throughout the world.

All which is hereby respectfully submitted.

W. B. Hubbard,
T. B. Drinker,
N. Eastman.

The resolution in relation to refunding money paid by Mansfield Lodge, which was referred to the committee on Retrenchment, was subsequently withdrawn by the mover thereof, on leave.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the standing committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution proposing to refund to Paramuthia Lodge No. 25, the sum of four dollars, which was erroneously paid by said Lodge at the last annual grand communication, have made diligent search, and can find no evidence of the existence of the alleged error. The amount paid by said Lodge was such as was paid by other Lodges in like circumstances. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the same be referred to the committee on Retrenchment.

George L. Shinnick,
W. B. Van Hook,
P. L. Wilson.

The committee on Accounts made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts beg leave to report the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That Brother John Barney be allowed the sum of sixty-five dollars, being the amount of his expenses in attending the Baltimore convention of Grand Lecturers in May last, and that he be allowed the further sum of twenty-five dollars for three weeks services at said convention.

George L. Shinnick,
W. B. Van Hook,
P. L. Wilson.

The committee on Accounts made the following further report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts report that they have examined the following bills and find them correct, and recommend the same to be paid, viz:

Sundry brethren, members of the committee to form a Constitution and revise the By-Laws, as follows:

Brother Thrall	$23 50
" Caldwell	27 50
" Barney	15 70
" Hubbard	8 00
Also, the account of Brother Thrall, for attending at Lancaster, on Building committee	3 50
Same, attending committee at Lancaster, on Funeral Service	3 50
Desilver & Burr, for 36 blank charters	39 00
Post-office account up to October 21, 1843	5 87

Brother J. Case's account for printing 450 copies of Constitutions, &c.	111 20
" " for binding same	8 60
" " 480 Grand Lodge certificates	20 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE L. SHINNICK,
W. B. VAN HOOK,
P. L. WILSON.

Brother *Shinnick*, chairman of the committee on Accounts, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother James D. Caldwell be allowed the sum of fifty-one dollars, that being the amount paid by him to the assignee of Wm. C. Jones, on account, for printing Funeral Service, allowed and ordered to be paid in October, 1842, page 31, of minutes of proceedings of last communication.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have the seal of the Grand Lodge repaired, and procure a suitable press; and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount; *Provided* the same does not exceed the sum of twenty dollars.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a suitable case or cases for the books and papers of the Grand Lodge, on such plan that the same can be removed and transported to such place as the Grand Lodge may direct, and at a cost not exceeding twenty dollars; and that he be authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Brothers Drinker, Jos. S. Burr and J. L. Vattier a standing committee on Foreign Communications for the ensuing year.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Harmony Lodge No. 8, have until the next annual communication to pay the balance due the Grand Lodge for the year 1842.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair, to confer with the late M. W. Grand Master, in reference to the balance reported to be in his hands by the committee on Accounts, and report thereon at the next grand communication.

Whereupon, the chair appointed as said committee Brothers Kreider, Willock and Caldwell.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee on the Pay-Roll, asked for instructions in the following particulars:

Does the Grand Lodge intend to allow a *per diem* amount to its members for the intervening Sabbath; and does it intend to allow mileage to such members as represent Lodges working under dispensations?

Upon which a vote was taken on the first interrogatory and answered in the negative.

The second interrogatory was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Kreider* submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the State of Ohio be and is hereby divided into twenty-one Masonic districts, the present congressional districts being made the Masonic districts; and further, that the M. W. Grand Master be empowered and instructed to appoint twenty-one visiting Lecturers for the several Masonic districts, in conformity to the recommendation of the committee on Foreign Communications.

Resolved, further, That the Lecturers so to be appointed, in the discharge of their duties, act in accordance to the instructions of the Grand Secretary. [Grand Master.]

Which, on motion, was referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Brothers Kreider, Leidy and Hubbard.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations reported as follows, which was accepted, viz:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the communication of Brother R. W. Clarke, in behalf of Batavia Lodge No. 109, have considered the matter of said communication, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Batavia Lodge No. 109, be authorized to continue their Masonic labors, and that they be required to present a return of their proceedings at the next grand communication.

The committee further report that they have examined and considered the memorial and proceedings of a number of brethren residing at Loudonville, Richland county, praying for a dispensation constituting them a regular Lodge, to be denominated Harmony Lodge No.—, which is accompanied by the recommendation of Mansfield Lodge No. 35, all which appear in proper form. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant or dispensation be granted to G. H. Stewart and his associates, constituting them a regular Lodge, under the name of Harmony Lodge No. —, at Loudonville, Richland county.

A. D. Bigelow,
Samuel Reed,
J. N. Burr.

The following resolution was offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

Resolved, That each chartered Lodge in regular standing in this State, may, on application by the Secretary of such Lodge, or by their representative at any annual communication of the Grand Lodge, be entitled to receive, upon the payment of twenty-five cents for each certificate, a reasonable number of Grand Lodge certificates, in blank, though fully attested by the Grand Lodge, to be by them used and granted at the option of the Master with the consent of each Lodge.

Which resolution was referred to a select committee of three. And the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers J. N. Burr, Laughlin and Cook said committee.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Building Committee, reported the same back with amendments, which were agreed to, as follows:

The committee appointed to superintend the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall, in Lancaster, respectfully report, that during the past year, very little of actual work has been done to the building now in progress. This is entirely owing to the want of means necessary to progress with existing contracts.

At the last session, very much to the surprise of the committee, an attempt was made to put a partial arrest upon the progress of the building; and although this effort was negated by a decided vote of the Grand Lodge, and the committee were instructed to proceed with the work, yet there was manifested such a feeling as to paralyze, in a great measure, the exertions of those Lodges from whom the necessary revenue had been anticipated. The committee have not been advised of a single payment having been made during the past year, by any one of the subordinate Lodges that have subscribed to this particular fund. This circumstance has placed them in a peculiar and painful situation.

Relying upon the pledged assurances that had been given them of necessary means, and being pointedly instructed to make contracts for the erection of the building, they engaged in the delicate and responsible duty of their appointment, in perfect good faith; anticipating, as they had the right to do, that they would be sustained to the letter in every contract they had made; especially as they had all been severally reported upon and approved by you. In this just and reasonable expectation, the committee

need scarcely add they have been painfully disappointed; and justice to themselves, as well as to the contractors, requires them to say that the moneyed affairs of the building are in a critical condition, and unless immediate and decided action is had to concentrate the approbation and good feeling of the fraternity upon a matter in which all are equally interested, the honor of the Grand Lodge will be impaired, and an actual injury sustained by the contracting parties. The committee cannot, for a moment, entertain the belief that the fraternity of Ohio are, in a pecuniary point of view, unable to finish the building they have publicly engaged to put up This is idle apprehension.

If the means cannot be raised in one year, they can very readily be accumulated during the period of one, two and three years, and this would meet every requisition of the committee. They therefore do not consider that this is the only intervening obstacle—serious and disastrous as the last few years have proved, in money matters, to the whole country.

The cause of the lukewarmness on the part of our Lodges is to be sought for somewhere else; and from the expressed opinions of many—indeed from all the information they have been able to collect—the committee think that the fraternity, generally, while they approbate the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall, object only to the present purchased site, and the contemplated expense for finishing it. It is proper here to state that when the present lots were purchased, pursuant to your own instructions, no other eligible site could be procured in Lancaster.

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge, other property has been brought into market, which will afford one of the best sites in the town, and at a reasonable price. This will remove every objection on the score of location. The committee hold a proposition for the sale of two lots, at $4,000, and do not entertain a doubt, in case the Grand Lodge shall order the purchase, that the citizens of Lancaster living in the vicinage, will contribute to the purchase $1,000 of the amount. In the event of the purchase, the superintendent estimates that a Hall can be built, in all respects, both in design and dimensions, similar to the present building, at a saving of six thousand dollars.

The committee would recommend that the size of the Hall be reduced, which can be done without violation to the original symmetry of the design; and in this way an additional saving may be realized of from two to four thousand dollars. They are also of opinion that portions of the building can be so constructed as to be made available for purposes of rent. The basement can be arranged for offices and school rooms, and the large hall on the first floor would rent as a place for religious worship, or for other uses. It is estimated that from five to six hundred dollars of rents would thus be received annually.

If this calculation can be relied upon, and the committee believe that it can, it is apparent that the proposed change of location will produce a saving of expense in the erection of the building of from eight to ten thousand dollars; so as not to make the aggregate cost to exceed twenty thousand dollars—a sum almost within the reach of your present subscriptions: and it will be recollected that there are some thirty Lodges that have not yet been visited or called upon.

In making his calculations, the superintendent estimates that the present site will sell, upon time payments, for the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars. With these data, the committee have no hesitation to recommend the purchase of the proposed new site, believing that by so doing, every reasonable objection, on the score of expense and location, will be removed. Should the Grand Lodge, however, prefer not to go into the proposed arrangement, it is, in all honor and candor, due to themselves, to the Building Committee, and to the contractors employed by them, that some energetic and settled policy be adopted at the present session, to liquidate existing indebtedness, and that the accustomed annual speculations, respecting location and removal, be put at rest forever.

The report of the superintendent will be found hereunto annexed, and reference is made to that officer for a detailed statement of moneys now due on account of contracts and for the purchase of lots.

Since the last session of the Grand Lodge, there has been paid out, on account of contracts, as follows:

To Blair & Kinkead, stone masons	$590 00
Daniel Sifford, Superintendent, account of salary	200 00
John Lynch, for work	20 00
Daniel Sifford, building accounts	19 00
Adam Short	1 50
Total	$830 50

Of this sum, five hundred and twenty-nine dollars were paid by the Grand Treasurer, upon the order of the chairman of the Building Committee; the balance, three hundred and one dollars fifty cents, were paid by the M. W. Grand Master, out of funds in his hands. The vouchers for the above payments accompany this report. It is believed that the Grand Treasurer has made payments other than those herein specified, which will of course appear in his statement of account.

It will be proper to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that a vacancy will occur in the Building Committee, by the removal of one of its members out of the state, and that it will be necessary to fill the place by special election, at the present session.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. REESE,
W. B. THRALL,
ISAAC C. COPELEN.

An estimate of the actual saving to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, by abandoning the present site of the Grand Lodge Hall, and removing the same to the hill.

588 perches of foundation stone, to bring the same up level with the front surface of the lot, at contract price, $3.40 per perch, is	$1,839 20
625 perches of smooth wall around lot to make it level, at least $5.00 per perch	3,125 00
370 perches of rubble, or protection wall, at $1.50 per perch	555 00
5,407 yards filling, (actual measurement,) at the low rate of 10 cents per cubic yard, is	540 70
Add extra, for basement, in scaffolding and the disadvantage of raising large blocks of stone for cornice, antæ, etc., say	600 00
Lot would sell on time, even now, at	2,500 00
	$9,159 90
Deduct price of hill lots	4.000 00
	$5,159 90

D. SIFFORD, *Superintendent of Grand Lodge Hall.*

To the M. W. WM. J. REESE, *Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee heretofore appointed on that subject, have until the next annual grand communication to report a form of installation for Grand Officers.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the charter heretofore issued to American Union Lodge No. 1, and the jewels and furniture, if any now in the possession of the Grand Lodge, be delivered to Brother Beach, to take to that Lodge.

The following resolution was offered for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, viz:

Resolved, That no delegate from a subordinate Lodge shall receive for his services, as such delegate, a greater amount than the Lodge he represents shall have paid to the Grand Lodge at the present session;

Which was, on motion, ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on Retrenchment made the following report; which was agreed to:

The committee on Retrenchment report back the resolution referred to them, in relation to printing the minutes of this communication, and recommend the following as an amendment:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary cause four hundred copies of the proceedings of the present grand communication to be printed as soon as practicable, and forward one copy to each delegate in attendance, three copies to each subordinate Lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and one copy to each Grand Lodge in the United States.

J. A. Weyer,
B. F. Raleigh,
J. Cook.

The committee on Charters and and Dispensations made the following report; which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensation, to whom was referred the interrogatories of the committee on the Pay Roll, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates from such Lodges as have been working under dispensation, and have received a charter, shall be entitled to receive mileage.

Samuel Reed,
A. D. Bigelow,
J. N. Burr.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report; which was accepted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report: That they have examined the By-Laws of Friendship Lodge No. 89, and the amendment of the By-Laws of Washington Lodge No. 107, Fayette county, and find them to be in accordance with the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

Samuel Reed,
A. D. Bigelow,
J. N. Burr.

The committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The committee on Unfinished Business report: That they find no unfinished business claiming the attention of the Grand Lodge.

G. C. Gephart,
N. Benjamin,
J. H. Defrees.

The report was agreed to.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee appointed for that purpose, made the following report; which was received and the resolutions agreed to:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the proceedings of the delegates of Grand Lodges at Baltimore, having had the same under consideration, report: That after due deliberation they are of opinion, that the general adoption of the work there agreed upon, and the proposed triennial convention of delegates from the several Grand Lodges, would be greatly beneficial to the Craft: they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge do approve of the doings of said convention, and that the Grand Lecturer discharge his duties as such, in reference to the mode of work agreed upon by said convention.

2. That this Grand Lodge agree to the proposition for holding a triennial convention of Delegates, at such times and places as may be agreed upon, and will send a Delegate to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Z. Kreider,
John W. Milligan,
M. D. Brock,
Geo. L. Shinnick,
Geo C. Gephart.

Brother *Kreider*, from the select committee appointed for that purpose, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee, to whom was referred the resolution, in relation to districting the state, and appointing Visiting Lecturers therein, having had the same under consideration, report: That after mature deliberation upon the subject, they are of opinion, that such a proceeding at this time, would not be conducive to the welfare and interest of the craft, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the resolutions referred to the committee, in reference to districting the state, be indefinitely postponed.

2. That the Grand Lecturer have power and authority to appoint such person or persons, as Lecturers to assist him in the discharge of his duties, as necessity from time to time may require: *Provided*, That such assistance shall not be chargeable to the Grand Lodge for any services they may render.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Z. Kreider,
W. B. Hubbard,
John Leidy.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the special committee on the account of the late Grand Treasurer, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The special committee, to whom was referred the late Grand Treasurer's books, report: That they find by examination of the books, that his account with the Grand Lodge shows a balance in his favor, of..... $172 16

From which is to be deducted a bill for printing Funeral Service, of...	$51 00	
Printing Circulars	13 00	64 00
Leaving a balance due the Treasurer, of.....		$108 16

Of the first deduction we would state that the amount named is charged to the Lodge, but never paid; and the latter is charged twice, once individually, and once in the amount of $29 92 in another place.

We also, upon examination of the Hall fund, find that there is a balance due the Grand Lodge of $105 59, which deducted from the above, leaves a balance due the Grand Treasurer of $2 57. All which is respectfully submitted,

Geo. L. Shinnick,
John G. Willock,
M. Z. Kreider,
W. B. Van Hook,
Jos. S. Burr.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay to the Grand Secretary, the sum of two dollars, for stationery used at the present grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Disney*,

Resolved, That the several Lodges represented in this communication, be, and they are hereby directed and requested to pay to their representative, two dollars for each day that he has been in attendance on this Grand Lodge; and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay *mileage only* to the representatives in this grand communication.

Brother *Death*, from the committee on Grievances made the following report, which was received, and agreed to, to wit:

The committee on Grievances report: That they have had under consideration the difficulties existing between Scioto Lodge No. 6, and one of its members, Brother Joseph Shepherd, who has taken exceptions to the proceedings of said Lodge against him, by an appeal to the Grand Lodge; and your committee, after having examined the papers, not only of the proceedings had by said Lodge, but also of individuals disconnected therewith, have arrived at the conclusion that the proceedings of said Lodge, in the case aforesaid, should not only receive the approbation of the Grand Lodge, but that said Lodge should be instructed to proceed forthwith to reprimand, suspend or expel said complainant, as a majority of the said Lodge may determine.

All which is respectfully submitted,

A. Death,
K. Porter,
John Sayre.

Brother *Raleigh*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Ways and Means, having considered the matters appertaining to their duties, report: That from an examination of the state of the finances of the Grand Lodge, it is found that there are not funds sufficient in the hands of the Grand Treasurer to discharge all the claims due from it. The Masonic edifice in course of erection, is a matter of no ordinary character; if the Grand Lodge determine on progressing with that work, pecuniary aid must be obtained. Owing to the great embarrassment now prevailing generally in monetary affairs, your committee are of the opinion that no further expenditures should be gone into on any account, until all debts now due from the Grand Lodge be discharged. Your committee regret that they are unable, from the lights before them, to advise what means should be resorted to to meet these embarrassing circumstances, but entrust the whole matter to the wisdom of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Raleigh,
M. Z. Kreider,
Joseph Cook.

On motion of Brother *Leidy*, the resolution in relation to the time of holding the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge was then taken up, and amended by inserting "at the city of Columbus, on the 4th Wednesday in October, 1844;" and agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn, it will adjourn to meet at the city of Columbus, on the fourth Wednesday in October, 1844.

On motion of Brother *Gephart*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

Monday Evening, 7 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge convened, and proceeded to business.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, with instructions to issue a circular to the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, containing such information respecting the Grand Lodge Hall as may be necessary for such subordinate Lodges to take action upon the permanent location and erection of the Masonic edifice, and report the same, attested by their Secretary, to the Grand Lodge, at its next communication.

Brother *Raleigh* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be, and he is hereby authorized, should it become necessary, in order to protect from loss any person who may have become liable for debts on account of, or authorized by the Grand Lodge, or any of its authorized agents, to sell and dispose of, in the best manner the case will admit, so much of the real property belonging to the Grand Lodge as will be necessary to save such persons from loss, on account of any such liability so incurred.

On motion of Brother *Disney*, the report of the committee appointed to inspect and report on the Constitution and By-Laws proposed for this Grand Lodge, was then taken up, and the amendments proposed by said committee were disagreed to, except the word *Senior*, on page 52, chapter 9, section 1, which was stricken out, and the words "nor more than one brother for the same Lodge," added at the foot of page 47; after which amendments the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the

Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, as now printed, were *unanimously agreed to and adopted.*

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the Grand Lodge went into the election of a member of the building committee, to supply the place of M. W. William J. Reese, when, on counting the ballots, Brother Daniel Sifford was declared duly elected to fill said vacancy.

Brother *Reed* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the "Freemason's Monitor," compiled by Brother Z. A. Davis, and published in Philadelphia and Cincinnati, contains much valuable information, and that every Mason would be benefited by possessing a copy thereof.

Brother *Disney* presented a statement under the seal of Lafayette Lodge No. 81, in the words and figures following, to wit:

At the stated meeting of Lafayette Lodge, in September last, Mr. Marcus Fitcheimer presented a petition for initiation, which was disposed of in the usual manner; but before the stated meeting in October, he made a visit to New York, and *there he says* became a *Master Mason*. His admission into the Lodge was refused upon the ground that in accordance with *strict* Masonic usage, he did not obtain the degrees lawfully.

W. J. MADEIRA,
Secretary of Lafayette Lodge No. 81.

Brother *Hubbard*, from the select committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master's communication as refers to the evils consequent upon candidates leaving the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to obtain degrees, made the following report, which was unanimously concurred in and agreed to, to wit:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master's communication as refers to the evils consequent upon candidates leaving the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to obtain the degrees in Masonry elsewhere, report: That it appears by an official communication from Lafayette Lodge No. 81, Cincinnati, that in September last a Mr. Marcus Fitchheimer presented a petition to that Lodge for initiation, which was received and disposed of in the usual manner. That in the *interim*, before their next regular meeting, in the next month, (this October,) the applicant made a visit to New York city, and there became a Master Mason, and as such, on his return, claimed admission into the very Lodge who yet held under consideration, and who were then in fact balloting upon his application for the privileges of Masonry. That Lodge for the present refused his admission, "upon the ground that in accordance with strict Masonic usage he did not obtain the degrees *lawfully*." Your committee are advised that the Lodge in New York city, thus improvidently and unjustifiably acting in the premises, is known as Mount Moriah Lodge No. —, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Nor is the foregoing a solitary instance of like misconduct of Lodges in that city. Your committee will forbear citing more than one instance more. During this Fall, another individual, a resident of Cincinnati, has taken the incipient steps to become a member. Although he was not rejected by vote, yet his application was not pressed upon the Lodge after it was well ascertained that he *would* be rejected. He was so advised. This man, shortly after, being called to New York city, was there made a Mason "at sight," as it were, and returned to Cincinnati claiming all the privileges of a brother! And in one, if not both the instances alluded to, the certificate of the Grand Lodge of New York was produced as a passport to the recognition and confidence of Masons.

It is not necessary at this late day, when the science of Masonic jurisdiction and Masonic government is so universally known, for your committee to go into reasonings

to demonstrate the gross abuse on the part of these New York Lodges, of the rights of the Grand Lodge of this State; to exemplify their palpable departure from the Masonic usage that has hitherto obtained, in all well regulated Masonic bodies and Masonic minds; nor to exhibit the evil consequences that must inevitably result to our Order, if such a reprehensible practice is persisted in, or, indeed, if a speedy, prompt and efficient remedy is not applied by the energetic action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Your committee, however, yet entertain such high respect for that body, as to rest in the confident belief that she will at once apply a suitable remedy to prevent, in all time to come, the recurrence of the evils complained of, and therefore forbear, at this time, to recommend measures for the action of this Grand Lodge, whereby to fully protect herself and brethren in the legitimate exercise of their lawful rights and privileges, within our own jurisdiction.

Your committee would recommend to her subordinate Lodges not to recognize, as Masons, those who have wilfully and knowingly gone out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of obtaining the degrees in Masonry in a foreign jurisdiction. And that, in all other cases, when the person who has been admitted to the privileges of the Order in a foreign jurisdiction, without knowing that in so doing he, with such foreign Lodge, was violating the *usages of Masonry*, he be, if otherwise worthy, recognized as a brother.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Hubbard,
M. Z. Kreider,
T. B. Drinker,
Samuel Reed,
John Barney.

On motion of Brother *Gephart*, it was

Resolved, That Brother G. W. Claspill, Grand Tyler, be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars, for his services at the present grand communication.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*,

Resolved, That each delegate in attendance on the Grand Lodge, be entitled to one copy of the Constitution and By-Laws for himself, and one copy for the use of the Lodge which he represents.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*,

Resolved, That Brother James D. Caldwell be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, in full for his services as Grand Secretary for the past year.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*,

Resolved, That Brother John G. Willock be, and he is hereby appointed a committee, to dispose of the Bank stock of this Grand Lodge in the Bank of Chillicothe, and that he be, and hereby is fully authorized to transfer and receipt the same, and to receive the proceeds of said stock and receipt for the same, and that the avails, when received, be applied to the payment of the Grand Lodge debts.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Orator is hereby requested to prepare and deliver a public address, on the first day of the meeting of the Grand Lodge at their next annual communication.

On motion of Brother *Gephart*,

Resolved, That our late Grand Chaplain, Brother Roof, be allowed the sum of ten dollars for his services at this grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Disney*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary make out and forward to each subordinate Lodge within this state, a statement of the debts, over and above the immediate available personal property, due and owing by this Grand Lodge, coupled with a request that they make, at as early a period as possible, such contributions as will enable the Building Committee to discharge and pay off all such outstanding and unsettled debts and obligations.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the loan of jewels to Salem Lodge, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the sale of jewels by the Grand Lodge to Salem Lodge No. 87, report back the same with one amendment, to wit, by filling the blank with sixteen dollars, and recommend its adoption.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
W. B. VAN HOOK,
P. L. WILSON.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments:

Brother JOHN W. MILLIGAN, of Columbus, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers JOS. S. BURR, of Cincinnati, and GEORGE JOHNSON, of Portsmouth, Grand Pursuivants.

On motion of Brother *A. C. Davis*,

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be allowed our late R. W. Grand Lecturer, for his services in attending on the present communication.

On motion of Brother *Hine*, it was

Resolved, That any unfinished business on the table be postponed until the next regular grand communication.

Brother *Disney*, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed, in case of a deficiency of funds in his hands to pay the full amount of mileage to each member, that he pay out the amount in his hands *pro rata* to each member.

When the following resolution of similar import was offered, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer pay the existing claims arising during this grand communication upon the Treasury, *pro rata*, according to the funds on hand, and that for all balances, he issue scrip, which balance it is hereby ordered to be paid the holder by the subordinate Lodge from which the delegate hails.

To which resolution the following amendment was offered:

"And that the scrip so issued, be receivable in payment for Grand Lodge dues; and that the members of the next Grand Lodge receive it in payment of their *per diem* and mileage."

Which resolution, with the amendments, were referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Brothers Raleigh, Willock and Shinnick, with instructions to report thereon at seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

The committee on Charity made the following report:

The committee on Charity report that they have had the application of Brother Alexander Montgomery under consideration, and are of opinion that the most proper way of contributing to the relief of distressed worthy brethren, is by the Lodges within whose jurisdiction they may be found residing, furnishing them with the necessary means of support; there being no means, known to your committee, belonging to the Grand Lodge set apart for that purpose. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That they consider Brother Montgomery a proper object of Masonic charity, and do therefore recommend him to the special care of the subordinate Lodge within whose jurisdiction he may reside.

T. GRIFFITH,
T. KECKELER,
T. JAY.

Which report was accepted and the resolution agreed to.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, October 24, 1843.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present the same officers and members as on yesterday.

Brother *Gephart* presented the following resolution, which, on his motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Grand Secretary be instructed, so soon as practicable, to proceed to Tarlton Lodge No. 104, and, unless said Lodge shall pay all arrearages due this Grand Lodge, and resume her labors, take possession of her jewels, furniture, etc., and report his doings thereon to the Grand Lodge at the next regular communication.

On motion of Brother *Howard*,

Resolved, That the printing of the minutes of the present session of the Grand Lodge be placed in the hands of Brother Chas. Scott, of Columbus, who shall wait until the next annual grand communication for his pay.

Brother *Hildreth*, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

The committee to whom the claims against the Grand Lodge, for labor upon the Grand Masonic Hall was referred, report that they recommend to the Grand Lodge to reconsider the vote heretofore had upon a resolution appropriating certain bank stock to the payment of debts specified in said resolution.

That they then accept the proposition of Brother Hubbard, to advance cash upon said stock upon being transferred to him by the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge direct, and it does hereby direct the Grand Secretary to transfer the said stock to Brother Hubbard, upon his advancing, in cash, ——— dollars therefor. *Therefore*,

Resolved, That one-half of the above mentioned claim be paid to the claimant out of the funds thus raised, and the balance go to the payment of the members of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the adoption by the Grand Lodge of this report, be considered, in itself, a reconsideration of the above vote, in order to save time.

JOSEPH HILDRETH, *Chairman*.

Which report and resolutions were, on motion, laid on the table.

Brother *Raleigh*, from the select committee for that purpose, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the matters relating to the pay of members, etc., report, that from an exhibit made by the Grand Treasurer, there appears to have been paid out of the funds returned to the Grand Lodge at its present session, the amount of $448.95; in addition to this, an amount sufficient to procure paper for the printing of the minutes of the present communication, will be required by the Grand Secretary. The amount already received for dues, by the Grand Secretary, is $1,200.50. In addition to this, there has been paid into the Treasury, for dispensations, etc., $90. There is now provided for, by the committee on the Pay-Roll, to be paid out of this fund, the sum of $836.87. Many of the Lodges, apparently unexpected by the Grand Lodge, receive a much greater amount than by them returned.

The committee are of the opinion that the demand on the Treasury will be so great, and that, too, at a time when the Grand Lodge is unprepared to meet the same, that it will be necessary to make a further reduction of the pay to the members of the grand communication; they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Pay-Roll deduct thirty per cent. therefrom.

B. F. RALEIGH, *Chairman*.

Which report and resolution were, on motion, laid on the table.

Brother *Hubbard* offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was also laid on the table:

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed, with power, after the Grand Lodge shall have adjourned, to investigate and ascertain, specifically, every indebtedness whatever of the Grand Lodge, and also each and every item of its assets, whether real or personal, and with power—

1st. To mortgage, sell, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of any of said assets, whether real or personal.

2d. To loan, on such terms as can best be obtained, any amount of funds necessary.

3d. By the avails to pay, satisfy and discharge every honest *bona fide* debt against the said Grand Lodge; and the officers of the said Grand Lodge, severally or jointly, are hereby authorized and required to sign, seal, execute and deliver any instrument, deed, transfer or other writing deemed necessary and proper by said committee, for carrying out the foregoing resolution.

Said committee to make report of their proceedings to the next annual communication.

Brother J. N. Burr asked to be discharged from serving on the committee in relation to Grand Lodge certificates, and was accordingly excused from any further duties on said committee.

The several resolutions in relation to the monetary concerns of the Grand Lodge were then taken up and referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Brothers Willock, Raleigh and Drinker; who made the following report thereon, which was agreed to, and the committee discharged, to wit:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to appropriate the bank stock of the Grand Lodge to the payment of any debts due from said Grand Lodge. That the funds now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, shall be applied to the mileage of the members of the present Grand Lodge, and that all orders drawn upon the Treasury, not already paid, shall be met out of any funds collected from the subordinate Lodges of the state; to whom the Grand Secretary shall make out a true statement of the financial condition of this Grand Lodge; and that they be required to make such contributions, and forward them to the Grand Secretary, as will enable the said Grand Treasurer to discharge all debts existing against said Grand Lodge.

Brother *Laughlin*, from the committee on that subject, reported a Pay-Roll, amounting to $855.03; which was agreed to.

There being no further business, it was ordered that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn.

Whereupon, after an appropriate prayer by the Rev. Brother Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and according to ancient usage.

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

JAMES D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE of the Grand Officers and Representatives, at the Session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in 1843.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Wm. B. Thrall, G. M., Circleville.
David T. Disney, D. G. M., Cincin'i.
Wm. B. Hubbard, G. S. W., Col's.
George Keifer, G. J. W., Troy.
Jas. D. Caldwell, G. S. Chillicothe.
John G. Willock, G. T., Lancaster.
Theophilus Keckeler, G. S. D., Cleve.
Geo. D. Palmer, G. J. D., Zanesv'e.
A. D. Bigelow, G. Mar., Newark.
M. Z. Kreider, G. O., Lancaster.
Samuel Reed, G. L., Cincinnati.
Wm. P. Strickland, G. C., Lancast'r.
Geo. W. Claspill, G. Ty., Lancaster.
John W. Milligan, G. S. B., Col's.
J. S. Burr, Cincinnati, George Johnson, Portsm'th, Grand Pursuiv'ts.

REPRESENTATIVES.

T. B. Drinker, Cincinnati.
I. C. Copelen, "
Weeks Copeland, Galena.
M. M. Laughlin, Steubenville.
B. F. Smith, Mt. Vernon.
S. H. Smith, Miamisburg.
A. C. Davis, Portsmouth.
B. F. Raleigh, Hamilton.
James Gardener, Eaton.
Norman Root, Athens.
M. D. Brock, New Salem.
John Barney, Worthington.
Samuel Glenny, Lebanon.
J. M. Davis, Somerset.
M. L. Harvey, Painesville.
H. H. Merrill, Chardon.
H. Vinal, Dayton.
John C. Bolton, Leesburg.
Allen Wright, Lebanon.
Benjamin Mackall, Barnesville.
K. Porter, Wooster.
J. Sayre, Dayton.
J. P. Worstell, Massillon.
T. Launder, Zanesville.
J. Boyd, Warrenton.
H. Humphrey, Mansfield.
J. Hildreth, "
B. J. Irwin, Cincinnati.
H. Howard, Wooster.
C. Scott, Columbus.
Isaac Davis, Mt. Vernon.
J. W. Simms, Bethel.
Harvey Perin, Perin's Mills.
P. L. Wilson, Georgetown.
M. S. Dimmett, Felicity.
H. Hosmer, Seville.
Jairus Curtis, Perrysburgh.
A. Death, Franklin.
George L. Shinnick, Zanesville.
George C. Gephart, Circleville.
J. H. Defrees, Piqua.
F. H. Carpenter, Lancaster.
R. Fielding, "
H. W. R. Brunner, Newark.
N. Benjamin, West Alexandria.
W. Jones, St. Clairsville.
D. K. Gallaher, New Salem.
F. Boon, Mechanicsburg.
W. Bishop, McConnelsville.
J. N. Burr, Mt. Vernon.
H. Tenney, Jacksontown.
R. Stadden, Columbus.
Richard Buffington, Pleasantville.
George Taylor, Worthington.
A. J. Patton, Williamsburgh.
Thomas Jay, Hyattsville.
S. Myers, Washington.
C. Williams, Miamitown.
J. L. Howard, Westville.
Burris Moore, Adams' Mill.
S. Beech, Coal Run.
Joseph Cook, North Perry.
J. W. J. Colton, New Paris.
C. F. Dresbach, Tiffin.
Henry Barton, West Carlisle.
C. F. Currier, Dresden.
G. D. Hine, Massillon.
W. B. Van Hook, Hamilton.
Nathaniel Eastman, Seville.
John Leidy, Somerset.
John A. Weyer, Jacobsburgh.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at the City of Columbus, October 23, A. D. 1844—A. L. 5844.

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother CHAS. SCOTT, Columbus]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the city of Columbus, on Wednesday, the 23d day of October, A. D. 1844, A. L. 5844, in grand communication, in pursuance of the By-Laws, to transact its annual Masonic business. Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Grand Master.
R. W. DAVID T. DISNEY, Deputy Grand Master.
" " WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, Grand Senior Warden.
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Grand Junior Warden.
" " JOHN G. WILLOCK, Grand Treasurer.
" " JAMES D. CALDWELL, Grand Secretary.
" " A. D. BIGELOW, Grand Marshal.
" " MICHAEL Z. KREIDER, Grand Orator.
" " JOHN SAYRE, Grand Senior Deacon *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE D. PALMER, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " WILLIAM P. STRICKLAND, Grand Chaplain.
" " SAMUEL REED, Grand Lecturer.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Grand Tyler.

Also in attendance the representatives from the subordinate Lodges of the State.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace by the Rev. Brother Grand Chaplain, preparatory to opening the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Reed, Launder and Gephart.
On Credentials—Brothers Caldwell, Dresbach and Thornhill.

The committee on Credentials made the following report:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
2.	N. C. Harmony	I. C. Copelen.
4.	New England	Geo. Taylor, M. S. Wilkinson.
5.	Amity	Geo. L. Shinnick, Israel Hoge.
6.	Scioto	Thos. Gilmer, J. D. Caldwell.
8.	Harmony	Francis M. Wright.
9.	Mt Zion	B. F. Smith, Marvin Tracy, I. Davis.
13.	St Johns'	John Sayre.
14.	Franklin	George Keifer, Thos. Jay.
15.	Cleveland City	Daniel A. Folsom, Stephen Clary.
16.	Belmont	Hugh J. Jewett.
23.	Pickaway	G. C. Gephart.
24.	Warren	Jonas Ward.
25.	Paramuthia	Norman Root.
26.	Lebanon	George Kesling, Samuel Glenny.
30.	Columbus	Timothy Griffith, Leander Ransom, Nat. Merion.
33.	Ebenezer	Kimball Porter.
35.	Mansfield	J. Hildreth, J. M. McCullough, D. McCullough.
37.	Mt. Moriah	Samuel Beach.
38.	Highland	John M. Barrere.
44.	Columbia	Alvin Wheeler.
45.	Steubenville	M. M. Laughlin, J. M. Mason.
46.	Miami	Wm. McCammon.
47.	Clinton	G. D. Hine.
48.	Aurora	Erastus Burr, Geo. Johnston.
52.	Wilmington	Levi Gustin.
53.	Charity	Weeks Copeland, J. T. Donahoo.
54.	Milford	Samuel Reed.
55.	Eastern Star	D. K. Death, B. A. Death.
57.	Lancaster	M. Z. Kreider, J. G. Willock.
58.	Medina	Wm. R. Chidester.
60.	Canton	John P. Worstell.
64.	Mt. Vernon	James R. Norton.
67.	Oxford	Alfred Luce, Elijah Vance.
70.	Marion	G. P. Cherry.
71.	Union	Travis Boswell.
72.	Georgetown	P. L. Wilson.
74.	Wads. and Seville	Nathaniel Eastman.
77.	Sandusky	C. F. Dresbach.
78.	Leesburgh	James E. Johnson, J. C. Batten.
79.	Lafayette	J. T. Arthur, G. D. Palmer, C. Moore.
81.	Lafayette	J. L. Vattier, Wm. Kerr.
82.	Bolivar	F. A. Cunningham, B. F. Raleigh.
83.	King Solomon	H. S. Vaughn, Henry Harris.
85.	Jackson	T. J. Davis, Thos. Launder.
87.	Salem	M. D. Brock.
88.	Hiram	Nathaniel Benjamin.
89.	Friendship	Jesse C. Cowgill.
90.	Jefferson	Washington Coleman.
93.	Chardon	James Whitcomb
97.	Newark	J. M. Barry, A. D. Bigelow.
98.	Minerva	S. H. Smith.
103.	Friendship	Andrew Walker.
105.	Moriah	John A. Weyer.
107.	Washington	Samuel Millikan, J. S. Bereman.
108.	Washington	F. W. Thornhill, B. Bonnett.
111.	Corinthian	William Bishop.
112.	Wood County	Jairus Curtis.
113.	Clinton	Obed Hor.
114.	Warrenton	J. C. McCleary.
—.	Hebron	D. K. Gallaher.
—.	Hanover	Nathaniel Haskell.
—.	Star	Stephen Clary.
—.	Phœnix	Jairus Curtis.
—.	Carrolton	Miles J. Tiernan.
—.	Malta	Thomas Maxfield, Thomas Launder
—.	Mercer	M. Wallace.
—.	Marion	D. T. Disney.

Making fifty-eight chartered Lodges, and eight working under dispensation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. Caldwell,
C. F. Dresbach,
F. W. Thornhill.

There being a constitutional number of Lodges duly represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared The Grand Lodge of Ohio duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The committee heretofore appointed on that subject, made the following report, together with the accompanying documents, which was agreed to by a unanimous vote, to wit:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The undersigned, a committee duly appointed pursuant to the following resolution, to wit: "*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to confer with the late M. W. Grand Master in reference to the balance reported to be in his hands by the committee on Accounts, and report thereon at the next grand communication," now respectfully report: That they have discharged the duty assigned them, and herewith submit to the Grand Lodge the accompanying *correspondence*, as a part of this report. Your committee sincerely regret the omission to publish with the proceedings of the last annual grand communication the account of the M. W. Grand Master W. J. Reese, as well also as the further omission to spread upon the record the report of the committee upon said account, inasmuch as said omissions left the records in such a state as to produce erroneous impressions to the prejudice of our late worthy Grand Master.

All the facts mentioned by him in the accompanying correspondence are known to the committee to be true; and the Grand Lodge is bound, in view of them, to take such action now, and have such a record go forth, as shall fully exonerate the party injured.

The committee on Accounts, it will be remembered, recommended that the M. W. Past Grand Master retain the reported balance as compensation (though greatly inadequate) for extraordinary services rendered; and the Grand Lodge manifested a cheerful readiness to acquiesce in their recommendation. An intimate personal friend of Brother Reese was aware that he would not receive any sum beyond his mere contingent expenses, and for this reason the report of the committee in reference to his account was laid upon the table, that time might be given to confer with him. That conference it will be seen by this report has taken place, the M. W. brother has had opportunity to speak for himself, and the Grand Lodge now has it in its power to do ample justice in the premises, and thus disabuse the public mind.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, entertaining the highest regard for their late worthy Grand Master William J. Reese, both as a man and a Mason, and remembering with pleasure the long and valuable services which he has rendered to this Grand Lodge, (for which extraordinary services he has invariably refused pecuniary reward,) as well also as his strict fidelity in every relation he has sustained to the Grand Lodge, deem it a duty which they hasten to discharge, thus publicly to record their sentiments of confidence, friendship and esteem, with the assurance to him that his memory and his valuable services will live in their hearts, and be cherished with all the ardor of Masonic charity.

Respectfully submitted.

M. Z. Kreider,
John G. Willock,
J. D. Caldwell.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Lancaster, December 31, 1843.

M. W. Brother: The Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its late annual communication, adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to confer with the late M. W. Grand Master in reference to the balance reported to be in his hands by the committee on Accounts, and report thereon at the next grand communication.

Whereupon the Chair appointed the undersigned said committee.

We therefore respectfully ask, if it will suit your convenience to confer with us on that subject, in writing or otherwise.

Fraternally yours,

M. Z. Kreider,
John G. Willock,
J. D. Caldwell.

To the M. W. William J. Reese, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, January 18, 1844.

Dear Brethren:—Your communication of the 31st ult. has been received, advising me that you were appointed a committee at the late session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to "confer with me in reference to the balance of Grand Lodge funds, reported to be in my hands, by the committee on Accounts," and you ask me if it will suit my convenience to "confer with you, in writing, or otherwise."

I prefer to avail myself of this method of reply to your note, in order that it may accompany your report, and appear as part of the printed proceedings of the next session. I ask this as a matter of simple justice to myself, because the records of the last communication of the Grand Lodge present to the Masonic public a one-sided view in regard to this account, not at all compatible with truth, or the facts as they existed. Since the receipt of your letter, I have carefully examined the published proceedings, and do not find there any report whatever, of the committee on Accounts, touching the subject of your appointment. The only matter therein which bears upon it is the isolated resolution, introduced by a member of your committee, as set forth in your note. I am very certain that this procedure was not intended by the Grand Lodge to work any injury or disparagement to me. On the contrary, I have been assured that the report of the committee which was so necessary to a proper appreciation of my account, by some strange neglect, was overlooked in preparing the journal for publication. I exceedingly regret this omission, as it has compelled me to lay, one whole year, under

the imputation of being a Masonic defaulter. It was the more annoying to my feelings, as in the same published journal appear certain resolutions of the Grand Lodge, in which they attempt, with some show of honor, to introduce me, as their Past Grand Master, to the confidence of a neighboring Masonic jurisdiction. I am, therefore, compelled, in self-defense, to ask that the subjoined statement be given to the public, as a means to exonerate me from an imputation, very painful, and entirely unfounded.

In preparing this statement, I will necessarily have to advert to some matters of a personal nature, which, under other circumstances, I would have desired studiously to avoid. I mean in regard to services performed in the discharge of extraordinary duties placed upon me by the Grand Lodge.

You well remember, that when it was resolved to erect a new hall at Lancaster, wherein to hold the permanent sittings of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master was required to make a visitation to the different subordinate Lodges of the state, to solicit their aid in the undertaking; and that it was also proposed to make adequate provision for the expense of the visitation; at my instance, the appropriation of means was confined simply to the traveling expenses to be incurred. This mission I engaged in, and was absent from home about four months in 1842. At the annual session of that year, it was proposed to vote a sum not only sufficient to cover all my traveling expenses, which were the only items charged in my account, but also to liberally compensate for the *time* employed in the visitation. When I was apprised of this intention, I prevailed upon my friends not to offer the resolution, expressly declaring that I would not consent to receive any compensation beyond the traveling expenses charged in my account. The resolution was therefore not introduced.

At this session the Grand Master was required to continue his visitation until every Lodge in the state should be personally applied to. Although I declined to be considered a candidate, yet I was again honored with the Grand Mastership, and of course there devolved upon me the duties of the visitation alluded to, in view of the discharge of which, a balance of funds, then in my hands, was retained for the benefit of my expense account.

During the year 1843, business considerations induced me to remove to Philadelphia, and when I found that it would be impracticable to meet the Grand Lodge, at its last session, I made up my account, setting forth therein, particularly, every item of debt and credit. This account, together with the vouchers for disbursements, I forwarded with the annual address to the Grand Secretary, requesting that officer to present my account and vouchers to the standing committee on Accounts, with the assurance that the balance in my hands, of $168.27, would be paid to the Grand Treasurer, or any of the creditors of the Grand Lodge, as might be directed, immediately upon my return to Ohio. The papers went into the hands of the committee on Accounts, who, I am informed, reported a resolution allowing to me, as a compensation, the aforementioned balance, under the impression that I had not fully charged for expenses which had been actually incurred. This report and resolution were laid upon the table, at the instance of a friend, who felt unwilling to have them acted upon until I had been consulted. They were not again called up, and the resolution embodied in your note was eventually offered and adopted, as a substitute, with the express view, as I have been told, to allow time for a full account to be made out by me and presented to the Grand Lodge. Now, if the report of the standing committee on Accounts had been published, as it should have been, this explanation would have been unnecessary, and it is very certain would have saved me the experience of much uncomfortable feeling. With respect to the immediate subject of your communication, I have nothing further to add. Enclosed you will find the receipt of the Grand Treasurer, dated at Lancaster, January 10, 1844, for $168.27, the balance reported to be in my hands.

As I have never consented to receive from the Grand Lodge one dollar for services performed in the discharge of any of the duties of the chair, I can see no valid reason to change my views in regard to the items of my account. Should I attempt to put a pecuniary estimate upon the *time* that has been employed, it would much exceed the balance reported. During the long period I have been favored with office in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, I have endeavored, in the performance of every duty, to put away, as far as possible, all mercenary considerations; and I am not willing now to entertain as a gratuity that which I cannot properly claim as a matter of right under the rule of action I have laid down, and in accordance with which I have uniformly endeavored to act.

I am, with fraternal regard, your friend and servant, WM. J. REESE.

To M. Z. Kreider, John G. Willock, J. D. Caldwell, Committee.

Whereupon, the report and correspondence were ordered to be printed in the minutes of the present grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, a committee of seven was appointed to investigate the charges preferred against Brother B. F. Raleigh; where-

upon the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Kreider, Clary, Laughlin, Porter, Copelen, Griffith and Palmer, said committee.

Brother *C. K. Smith*, offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table:

WHEREAS, Washington Lodge No. 17, of Hamilton, Ohio, is now engaged in the erection of a hall for the accommodation and use of said Lodge, and which will exclusively belong to said Lodge, which said building has so far progressed as to authorize a confident belief that the same will be enclosed this present month, and which, when completed, will cost between two and three thousand dollars; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, That the grand dues of Washington Lodge No. 17, for the past year, be and the same are hereby remitted, to be expended in the erection of the building aforesaid.

Brother *Drinker*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made a report, which was laid upon the table.

The M. W. Grand Master then presented and read the following annual communication:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

BRETHREN:—The Lodges within our jurisdiction have been vouchsafed another year of quiet; in the which they have, with commendable diligence, plied themselves to the unostentatious prosecution of their work. For a brief season, the sound of the gavel is hushed within their halls, and the Craft are called from their labors to refreshment and repose; while you, my brethren, the chosen superintendents and directors of their work, have come up hither to consult our common trestle-board, and obtain designs for the future operations of our Lodges. It becomes us, then, here—at the threshold of this our annual duty and service—to acknowledge the goodness of that All-Wise and never sleeping PROVIDENCE who has been constantly over us and around us since last we parted; continuing our lives—directing our paths—ministering to our thousand wants—and reserving to us the pleasure of once more assembling in grand communication.

One of our traditions teaches, that it was the invariable custom of our ancestors of the Masonic line, in the primitive days of our institution, at short and stated intervals, to set aside brief periods of time, which were religiously consecrated to the contemplation of the vast works of creation, and the paying homage to the adorable CREATOR. A custom thus time-honored, and approved by reason, by revelation, and by experience, cannot be lost to any body of Masons in this the XIXth century of the Christian era; and least of all can it be lost to the members of a Grand Lodge, constituted as is that of the state of Ohio. Let us, then, my brethren, *as Freemasons*—while enjoying the rich and multitudinous blessings showered upon us by a more than earthly benefactor—forget the lines which have divided us into evanescent parties in the state, and sects in the church; and with one heart, and one accord, join in the ascription of profound thanksgiving to the ineffable ONE who presides in that catholic and celestial Grand Lodge, where the happiness of each craftsman is to know and to do the will of Him whose "presence is the light thereof." And let us endeavor to appreciate our entire dependence for those prospective blessings, the hope for which is the occasion of our present assembling together, upon the priceless and unspeakable goodness of that GOD who has hitherto spared our venerable institution in much of its primitive vigor, while states and empires by which it has been surrounded, have successively arisen, flourished, and been swept from being.

The Book of Constitutions adopted and promulgated by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, supplies a desideratum long needed by the fraternity of Ohio; and has been received, so far as I am advised, with great favor, not merely by the Lodges of our jurisdiction, but by well-informed and skilful craftsmen wherever it has been examined. While the *Ancient Constitutions*, (comprising a code of the fundamental laws of Masonry throughout the world,) remain unaltered and immutable; those laws

relating more immediately to our own jurisdiction, and the offspring of our own authority, are subject to such change as experience may suggest, and prudence dictate. Both have now for the first time been presented to the fraternity of Ohio, under the authoritative sanction of the Grand Lodge.

As was to have been expected, various questions, growing out of constructions proper to be given to our new code, have arisen in different Lodges. When more than ordinary difficulty has attended the discussions of these questions, and brethren, emulous only for the truth, have arrived at various and conflicting conclusions, the matters in debate have sometimes been referred to the arbitrament of your presiding officer. With unaffected diffidence for his own opinions, he has not felt himself at liberty to withhold them from his brethren when thus called for. They have been given, often under circumstances not the most favorable for arriving at conclusions satisfactory to my own mind; but nevertheless cheerfully, from a consideration of the fact that a liberal brotherhood would be inclined to make all due allowance for error in opinions thus hastily formed on the spur of the occasion; and also from a consciousness that the effect of such error would be but temporary in duration—inasmuch as such opinions are subject to review, and if found erroneous to be reversed, at the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge. I am aware of no instance, however, in which the opinion of the Grand Master so communicated, has failed to meet the respectful acquiescence of the brethren to whom it had been accorded. But by no means arrogating to myself exemption from error in the matters alluded to, I shall be gratified to learn, if doubts still remain upon the minds of brethren, that the questions involved have been reserved for the final adjudication of this body.

I deem it not inappropriate, in this connection, to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge, a question of authority and discipline, mooted in a subordinate Lodge, and on which the opinion of the Grand Master, as the representative of this body during its interval of recess, was solicited. It was asked by a respectable Lodge, whether "the denying the divine authenticity of the Holy Bible be an offense against the institution of Masonry; and if so, what are the prerogatives of the Lodge, in such cases?" While it is most true that Masonry is not sectarian in its character, and that the established rules and regulations of our Grand Lodge positively inhibit all religious tests, as a prerequisite to initiation, save only the acknowledgment of "a steadfast belief in the existence and perfection of Deity," it is equally true that, were it possible to wrest from the "first great light" in Masonry its attribute of divine authenticity, the very act would overwhelm the Order with a visible and tangible *darkness,* equaled only by that which existed ere "the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." It is impossible to despoil our great moral and Masonic trestle-board of its distinctive characteristic, without, at the same time, rifling the work of our Lodges, our charges and our lectures, of every conservative and life-giving principle. If the Bible be not indeed an emanation from Deity, then is Freemasonry an empty cheat; and those who minister at her altars, accessaries to fraud and vile delusion. True, we have among us no Lodges exclusively Christian; for the reason that Masonry dates anterior to the Christian era; and because her charity is sufficiently expansive to embrace within its ample folds, in fraternal unison, the good and true of whatever name or nation. While, therefore, Christian Masons dedicate their Lodges to those two eminent and sainted Christian patrons who are always represented in every regular and well governed Lodge by most attractive and peculiar hieroglyphics, our Jewish brethren may, at the same time, without let or hindrance, and without the remotest cause of offense to any, still commemorate in *their* Lodges, him whose name is the synonym of Wisdom, and whose virtues are embalmed alike in the hearts of all good Masons, whether Christians or the lineal descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel. But, surely, it could not have been the purpose of those great and good men of old, in laying thus broad the foundations of our Order, to provide in it a covert for the deriding infidel, or any asylum for the dissembling hypocrite. And if, by any means, such have found their way into our midst, it is the first duty of the Lodge so invaded, by well doing to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men; and to teach them that,

though free, they may not use their liberty for a cloak of licentiousness. And, if thus admonished, they refuse to be restrained, let them be regarded as walking disorderly, and not after the tradition they have received of us. And, if any man obey not our word, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

It affords me pleasure to be able to announce to you my belief that the Order of Freemasonry now enjoys throughout our country, and especially within our jurisdiction, an exemption from the malign influences of envy and detraction, to a degree rarely before experienced; that it is keeping pace with the onward progress of civilization and art, and gradually making its way into the favorable consideration of an unprejudiced and intelligent community. As evidence of this fact, individuals, "good men and true," are shaking off the lethargy of years, and earnestly casting about for the means of that innocent social gratification which erst they enjoyed in the Lodge room. A recurrence to the mystical "*point within a circle*" awakens within them recollections, which, once aroused, cannot be repressed; and their hearts go forth in earnest desire for a brother's welfare. Lodges, which long since fell into listless suspense, are arousing themselves to active duty, and burnishing anew their jewels, which had become dim from long neglect and disuse. And new Lodges are springing into being in districts where hitherto our rites have been wholly unpractised and unknown.

I cannot too earnestly press upon the attention of the Grand Lodge the early consideration of its financial affairs. I herewith submit a circular, issued by the Grand Secretary, under an order of the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, by which it appears that the Grand Lodge stands indebted, on various accounts, in the sum of $4,261 81. It becomes the indispensable duty of the Grand Lodge, at its present session, to devise means for the prompt extinguishment of these debts; and to this end all available means at your disposal should be applied. From the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises, at its last meeting, I infer that the enterprise of erecting, for its future use, a Grand Masonic Hall, is, for the present at least, abandoned. Should it, however, be determined, at a future and not distant day, to erect, in Lancaster, the proposed building, the practicability of procuring a different location within that town—one which, while it would admit of a modification of the plan, would, at the same time, warrant a very considerable reduction of the estimated cost of the building—is respectfully suggested. But, should the Grand Lodge determine wholly to relinquish the erection of the contemplated building, then common justice, to say nothing of plighted Masonic faith, requires that measures be taken to reïmburse those Lodges who have made advances to the fund set apart for the construction of said bilding, and particularly Lancaster Lodge, by whom more than three-fourths of such advances have been made. In either event—inasmuch as it is not probable that the work will progress for some years to come, and in view of the pressing emergency of the Grand Lodge for means to meet its obligations—I suggest the expediency of taking immediate measures for discharging the judgment which is a lien upon the lots held by the Grand Lodge, and also the claims for materials furnished and labor performed for the building; and that for this purpose the lots and materials be hypothecated or sold, as shall be found most advisable. As this whole subject will claim the deliberate attention of your standing committee on Ways and Means, I deem it inappropriate here, to go further into detail in reference to the amount of indebtedness, or the means most appropriate for its discharge. I may, however, before taking leave of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, be permitted to remark, that it is confidently anticipated the operation of the 18th and 19th Sections of our new By-Laws will prevent an accumulation of indebtedness for ordinary purposes, by increasing the amount of our resources, at the same time that it diminishes in amount, the current demands upon the treasury. From these provisions we may anticipate other salutary results, not less important, perhaps, in their bearings upon the character of the Grand Lodge, and the welfare of the craft committed to its oversight. For, while it would not comport with the dictates of either common expediency, or Masonic equity, that the liberality of those brethren who, necessarily, leave their homes and their business to attend upon the communications of the Grand Lodge, should be further taxed for the means of subsistence during such service; neither

is it desirable that the emoluments of a seat in our annual council should be such as to invite the cupidity of those, (if such there be,) who might be induced to take the place from considerations merely mercenary. Your By-Laws have adopted the judicious and proper medium.

It has not been my fortune to communicate personally, during the past year, with more than a very few of the Lodges in the state. I derived no small pleasure and advantage, however, from being present and sharing in the labors and counsels of a voluntary consociation of some five or six Lodges, assembled for mutual improvement. The geographical extent of our jurisdiction precludes anything like a general Grand Visitation; and suggests assemblies like that to which I refer, as the best, if not the only practicable mode of direct communication between the Grand Lodge and its subordinates. It would be almost physically impossible for the Grand Lecturer, even were he to devote his whole time to the service, to visit all the Lodges within the state, and remain with each a sufficient length of time to ascertain their wants, correct their errors, and supply defects in their work. This barrier may be surmounted, and the difficulty in a great measure overcome, by the voluntary consociation of a number of Lodges at convenient points, and procuring the authorized representatives of the Grand Lodge to attend their convocations. By this means, too, greater perfection and uniformity can be attained by the respective Lodges in their work and lectures, and at a less cost of time and means, than can be expected while each one relies upon its own separate resources, and casual grand visitations for these very desirable ends.

The General Assembly of Ohio, at the last session of that body, passed "an act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Ohio." I respectfully invite the attention of the Grand Lodge to the provisions of that Act, in order that, should any action be found necessary on our part, to perfect our rights under the charter so granted, such action may be taken at our present grand communication.

It was the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, at its last meeting, to appoint a committee on Foreign Communications, with a view to a more thorough examination of the proceedings of our sister Grand Lodges than it has been found practicable to give them during the brief period of our annual meetings. At the same communication, the Grand Lodge devolved it upon the Grand Master, as his annual duty, to "give the Grand Lodge information on subjects of Masonic interest, and recommend for its consideration any measures he shall deem expedient." These "subjects of Masonic interest" are to be sought mainly in the proceeding of organized Masonic bodies. Such proceedings as were received by the Grand Secretary during the earlier part of the recess of the Grand Lodge, were, I am informed by that officer, placed in the hands of a member of the committee above referred to. Those received at a later period, were retained by him, awaiting a suitable opportunity for conveying them to the committee. The consequence is, that the Grand Master has been virtually cut off from the sources of those "subjects of Masonic interest," which it would otherwise have been his pleasure to present at this time. I do not advert to this by way of complaint; but merely as explanatory of the causes why I have omitted, in this communication, to refer to more of those topics.

By a cursory glance at a portion of our foreign correspondence since my arrival at this place, I find that while we, as a body, have, during our recess, been signally spared the desolating incursions of death, our brethren, in other portions of the great Masonic vineyard, have been called to mourn. The Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts bows with reverence, to the will of Almighty God, it having pleased Him "to remove, by death, our Worshipful Brother, the Rt. Rev. ALEXANDER V. GRISWOLD, who, having attained to the highest degree of Masonry, and having continued through a long life, a faithful and affectionate brother among us, especially by the wisdom of his counsel in the day of our tribulation; and having, by a life of extraordinary virtue, benevolence, and stern fidelity, proved the sincerity of his first Masonic declaration, that he *put his trust in God*, has left, for our consolation and hope of the Christian resurrection, the sprig of acacia, doubly green, springing from his grave." While our brethren mourn the loss which thus afflicts them, we would mingle our fraternal sympathies with their grief. As has been well remarked, "States and Empires have their boundaries —

Masonry has none:" the sad obituary reaches us from beyond the Atlantic, and our brethren of the English realm challenge our sympathies for their loss in the death of their Grand Master, the illustrious DUKE OF SUSSEX, "Whose attachment to the Order had induced him to assume the care of presiding over their deliberations for nearly thirty years." Valuable lessons may be derived from visiting in imagination, "the chamber where the good man meets his fate." High and holy incentives to good deeds and generous resolves are there presented, which cannot fail to address themselves to the better feelings of our nature, enkindling aspirations that our last end may be like his. Such is the influence shed abroad in the long and useful lives of the illustrious dead, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we now deplore.

The official acts of your presiding officer during the past year, consist in part in the granting dispensations to the following new Lodges, to wit:

To Brothers E. R. Brewerton, G. L. Chapman, J. W. Tuttle, and their associates, to be styled Ohio City Lodge, at Ohio City.

To Brothers Michael Wallace, N. H. Starbuck, Samuel R. Mott, and their associates, to be styled Mercer Lodge, at St. Marys.

To Brothers John Hollister, Josiah Miller, Daniel H. Wheeler, and their associates, to be styled Phenix Lodge, at Perrysburg.

To Brothers Werter R. Davis, Samuel P. Fidlar, William W. Gault, and their associates, to be styled Hebron Lodge, at Hebron.

To Brothers George McCook, John S. Ruckerbrod, Miles J. Tiernan, and their associates, to be styled Carroll Lodge, at Carrollton.

To Brothers Thomas Maxfield, William Findley, Lewis Verden, and their associates, to be styled Malta Lodge, at Norwich.

Trusting that each and every member of this Grand Lodge will devote himself, with a pure heart, fervently to the dispatch of its business—and invoking the divine blessing upon your labors here, and upon the Lodges you severally represent, I am, with fraternal regard, your Brother,

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

The M. W. Grand Master's communication was, on motion of Brother *Willock*, referred to a select committee of five members, to designate the appropriate committees to whom its several subjects should be referred.

Whereupon, Brothers Ransom, Kreider, Barrere, Strickland and Ward were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Copelen*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until half after 1 o'clock P. M.

HALF-AFTER 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled, and repaired in procession to the First Presbyterian Church, where an eloquent and appropriate address was delivered by Brother *M. Z. Kreider*, Grand Orator; after which the Grand Lodge returned to their Hall, and proceeded to business.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following standing committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Shinnick, McCammon and S. Millikan.
On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Worstell, Reed and B. F. Smith.
On Charity—Brothers Griffith, Bishop and Sayre.
On Grievances—Brothers Mason, Bereman and Eastman.
On Unfinished Business—Brothers Weyer, Benjamin and Hor.
On Foreign Communications—Brothers Death, Porter and Hildreth.

On Ways and Means—Brothers Hubbard, Kreider and Vance.
On Pay Roll—Brothers Laughlin, Clary and Gustin.

On motion of Brother *Hine*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 24, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the same officers and members as on yesterday.

Brother *C.K. Smith* presented a communication from Washington Lodge No. 17, which, on his motion, was referred to a select committee of three.

Whereupon, Brothers Smith, Kreider and Vattier were appointed said committee.

Brother *Caldwell* presented a petition from the members of Tarlton Lodge, which, on his motion, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Right Worshipful *Deputy Grand Master* made report, that during the past year he has granted two dispensations for new Lodges, to wit:—One for a new Lodge called Goshen, in Clermont county, and one to Marion Lodge, in Hamilton county. Which report was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Hildreth* offered the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That it is improper for any Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to initiate or raise more than one candidate at one and the same time.

Which resolution, on motion, was referred to a select committee of three—Brothers C. K. Smith, Vattier and Kreider.

Brother *Hine* offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table, to wit:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Massillon, Stark county, on the first Monday in September next.

Brother *Griffith* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its officers for the ensuing year at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Brother *Ransom*, from the committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

The committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, William B. Thrall, to designate appropriate committees to whom its several subjects should be referred, report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That so much as relates to the action of a certain Lodge which asks for advice in relation to the Holy Writings and the different constructions given to the constitution, be referred to a select committee of three.
2. That so much as relates to the Grand Lodge Hall, and the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the committee of Ways and Means.
3. That so much as relates to the foreign correspondence, be referred to the committee on Foreign Communications.
4. That so much as relates to the subject of convocations, be referred to a select committee of seven.

5. That so much as relates to the charter of the Grand Lodge, be referred to a select committee of three.
6. That so much as relates to charters and dispensations, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Respectfully submitted,
LEANDER RANSOM, *Chairman.*

Brother *S. H. Smith* offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the city of Dayton, on the first Wednesday of September, 1845.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be returned to the trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, for the use of their church edifice during the Masonic services on yesterday.
2. That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge be rendered to the Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, for the aid rendered by the members thereof in the Masonic services of yesterday.
3. That the Grand Secretary make out and transmit to the persons entitled thereto, copies of the above resolutions.

On motion of Brother *Mc Cullough*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, the charter of Mansfield Lodge No. 35, is mutilated and defaced, therefore,
Resolved, That a new charter be granted to said Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary fill up and deliver said charter to the representatives of said Lodge, in the names of the present officers, upon payment of the usual fee.

Brother *Eastman* offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were laid on the table, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That each subordinate Lodge, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, be authorized and required to enroll all Master Masons not members of any Lodge, residing within their respective jurisdictions, who are in good standing as Masons, and under the age of sixty years; and that said Masons, so enrolled, shall be required to pay one dollar annually into the treasury of said subordinate Lodge, to be returned to the Grand Lodge as dues.
2. That the presiding officer of each subordinate Lodge cause a copy of the foregoing resolution to be furnished to each Mason in good standing, residing within his jurisdiction, not a member of any Lodge; and if any Mason so notified shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of the above resolution, for more than sixty days after receiving such notice, then he shall be expelled from the sympathies and protection of the fraternity.

Brother *Hine* offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to designate different places for the Grand Lodge to hold its annual meetings for the next five years.

The following select committees were then appointed by the chair:

On the Annual Communication of the Grand Master in reference to the Divine authority of the Holy Bible, and the authority of subordinate Lodges in relation thereto—Brothers Burr, Hubbard and Root.

In reference to Convocations.—Brothers Bereman, Glenny, Shinnick, McCammon, Benjamin, Tracy and Kerr.

On the Charter of the Grand Lodge.—Brothers Disney, Kesling and Johnson.

Brother *Clary* offered the following resolution, which on motion was laid on the table.

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the city of Cleveland, on the first Monday of September next.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following reports, which were severally agreed to, to wit:

The standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Hanover Lodge No. 115, held at Loudonville, Richland county, have examined the same, and find their proceedings regular and in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the Grand Lodge.

The committee have also examined the dispensation, By Laws and proceedings of Hebron Lodge No. 116, held in Hebron, Licking county, and recommend to said Lodge to amend the 11th article of their By-Laws, by striking out that portion that relates to suspensions and expulsions without trial; and that they amend the first clause of the 19th article of the By-Laws, so as to make it conform to the 22d article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. Their proceedings have met the approbation of your committee.

Also, the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Star Lodge No. 117, held at Ohio City, in the county of Cuyahoga, and find the same correct, and perfectly satisfactory to the committee.

The committee have also examined the revised By-Laws of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, held in Mt. Vernon, in Knox county; Clinton Lodge No. 47, held at Massillon, in Stark county; Lebanon Lodge No. 26, held at Lebanon, in Warren county; also the By-Laws of Marion Lodge No. 70, held in Marion, and find them correct, and in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That charters be granted to Hanover Lodge, at Loudonville; Hebron Lodge, Hebron; and Star Lodge, Ohio City.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. P. Worstell,
Samuel Reed,
B. F. Smith.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and records of Malta Lodge No. 118, held at Norwich, in Muskingum county, have examined the same, and find them in proper form, excepting that said Lodge have acted too hastily on petitions, and conferred on the same individual three degrees at the same meeting, which practice has occurred in four instances in this Lodge; which is a violation of the ancient regulations and necessary rules of the Order. The minutes, however, of the Lodge, present an excuse for the practice complained of, which in the opinion of your committee seems to justify in some degree the action of this Lodge. Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That said Lodge be required to correct their practice in conferring degrees, and conform strictly to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and that a charter be granted to said Malta Lodge, to be numbered 118.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. P. Worstell,
Samuel Reed,
B. F. Smith.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*, it was

Resolved, That the delegates from Hanover Lodge No. 115: Hebron Lodge No. 116; Star Lodge No. 117; and Malta Lodge No. 118, be severally admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, as the representatives of their respective Lodges.

Brother *Hildreth* offered the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were referred to a select committee, consisting of Brothers Griffith, Hubbard and Davis:

Whereas, since the last communication of the Grand Lodge, a dispensation has been granted to a number of brethren residing in the town and vicinity of Hebron, Licking county, to meet and open a Lodge in said town; and, whereas, the Brother appointed to be the first Master of said Lodge has removed out of the jurisdiction of said Lodge; and, whereas also, there being no person in said Lodge who has been elected and served as Warden of any regular Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That said Lodge be allowed, and are hereby authorized to elect any suitable person in said Lodge for Master for the ensuing year, who shall afterwards be eligible for the Mastership, the same as though he had been previously elected and served as Warden.

Brother *Kreider* offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted, to wit:

WHEREAS, there has been some diversity of opinion as to the proper clothing to be worn on funeral occasions; and whereas, uniformity is desirable, therefore,

Resolved, That all funeral ceremonies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge be conducted under the ancient badge of white aprons and white gloves.

Brother *Laughlin* offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table, to wit:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the town of Steubenville in the county of Jefferson, on the first Wednesday of September next.

Brother *Shinnick* offered the following resolution, which on motion was laid on the table:

Resolved, That that the next communication of the Grand Lodge be held in the town of Zanesville.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell* the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Marion Lodge No. 70, have further time until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, to pay the residue on the jewels sold to them by the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations asked and obtained leave to sit during the sitting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Caldwell* presented his account for postage, etc., which was referred to the committee on Accounts; also, the account of S. W. Ely, for printing Grand Lodge receipts, which was also referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion of Brother *Vattier*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any of the subordinate Lodges in good standing in this state, may, on the application of the Secretary of such Lodge, or by their representative at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, be entitled to receive on the payment of twenty-five cents for each certificate, a reasonable number of Grand Lodge certificates in blank, fully attested by the Grand Lodge, and to be used and granted at the discretion of the Master, by and with the consent of the Lodge obtaining the same.

A communication was received from Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, in relation to the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, which was on motion referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Brother *Eastman* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That each delegate to the Grand Lodge, be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate on paying to the Grand Secretary twenty-five cents therefor.

Brother *Hine* offered the following resolution, which on motion was laid on the table, to wit:

Resolved, That the printing of the proceedings of the present communication of the Grand Lodge, be given to Brother John P. Worstell.

The committee on Foreign Communications asked and obtained leave to sit during the sitting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Hildreth* proposed the following inquiry to the Grand Lodge:

Whether one who had served as Master of a Lodge, previous to the adoption of the article of the By-Laws, by which it is required that a Master shall have previously

served as a Warden, and who has not served as a Warden, is eligible to the office of Master.

Which inquiry was referred to a select committee consisting of Brothers Griffith Bishop and Sayre.

The committee on Accounts asked and obtained leave to sit during the sitting of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was offered, and on motion, laid on the table:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Akron, Summit county, on the first Monday of September, 1845.

Brother *G. C. Gephart* offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was laid on the table, to wit:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at Lancaster, in the county of Fairfield, on the third Wednesday in October, 1845.

Brother *Whitcomb* presented a communication from Chardon Lodge No. 93, granting to the Grand Lodge, twenty dollars, due said Chardon Lodge from the Grand Lodge, in aid of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon, it was resolved, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Chardon Lodge for said donation.

Brother *Gilmer* offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was laid on the table, to wit:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in the city of Chillicothe, on the first Wednesday in September, 1845.

On motion of Brother *Brock*, it was

Resolved, That Salem Lodge No. 87, have until the next annual communication to pay for the jewels bought of the Grand Lodge.

The select committee to whom was referred the resolution on the impropriety of initiating or raising more than one candidate at one and the same time, made the following report, which was agreed to, and the committee discharged, to wit:

The select committee to whom was referred a resolution on the impropriety of initiating or raising more than one candidate at one and the same time, report: that they have considered the subject referred to them, and from an examination of the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Order, they are induced to believe that the matter to them referred is fully provided for, and may safely be confided to the sound discretion of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. The committee can see no propriety in changing or adopting any new mode, when the one in reference to the subject to them referred is as old as Masonry itself, and it is provided in the ancient regulations that no Lodge shall make more than five new Brothers at one and the same time, and this regulation is made obligatory by the sixteenth article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. K. Smith,
J. L. Vattier,
M. Z. Kreider.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until one o'clock.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met and proceeded to business. Present, the same officers and members as before.

Brother *Kreider*, from the committee to whom was informally referred the charges preferred against Brother B. F. Raleigh, made the following report which was agreed to, to wit:

CIRCLEVILLE, Sept. 11, A. D. 1844.

BROTHER JAS. D. CALDWELL, *Grand Secretary:*

I have this day received the charges preferred by Brothers Worstell and Willock against Brother B. F. Raleigh, hereunto attached, for unmasonic conduct during the last grand communication of the Grand Lodge.

To the end that right may be done in the premises, and justice accomplished, you will forthwith notify the accused, by summoning him to appear before the Grand Lodge, on the first day of its next communication, then and there to answer the said charges, and to abide the judgment of the Grand Lodge thereon.

You will append to the summons a copy of the charges and specifications, officially certified. Also notify the accused and the complainants that you are authorized and directed to issue subpœnas for such witnesses as they or either of them may require.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. THRALL,
Grand Master. [SEAL]

Charges and specifications preferred by Brother John P. Worstell, of Clinton Lodge No. 103, Massillon, against Brother B. F. Raleigh, of Washington Lodge No. 17, at Hamilton.

CHARGE 1.—UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Specification 1. Rude and unmasonic conduct towards an officer of the Grand Lodge, in intruding himself into the room of the Grand Secretary, at a late hour of the night, and officiously intermedling with his private and official papers.

Specification 2. Slandering officers of the Grand Lodge, while in grand communication, by charging publicly that the Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge had reported but eleven hundred dollars when they knew there was over thirteen hundred dollars in the treasury.

Specification 3. That they (naming the Grand Treasurer and Secretary) had paid some four hundred dollars which they should not have paid, because they had not the proper vouchers for doing so, as some of the claims had not been allowed by the Grand Lodge.

Specification 4. Stating that there would be a resolution offered this morning which, when presented, would cause the expulsion of the Grand Treasurer.

Specification 5. When cautioned by a Brother against offering such resolution, stating in the hearing of said Brother, that he had sufficient evidence to back up his assertions. (Meaning his assertions in the preamble and resolutions referred to.)

Specification 6. Charging that the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge had locked themselves up in a room and were dividing part of the funds of the Grand Lodge between themselves.

JOHN P. WORSTELL,
JOHN G. WILLOCK.

TO W. B. THRALL, *Grand Master of Masons in Ohio.*

The committee to whom were informally referred the matters alleged against Brother B. F. Raleigh before the Grand Lodge, report: That the parties, complainant and defendant, appeared before them. The charges and specifications being read, the evidence was heard substantially affirming said charges, except the first specification. The defendant admitted that if he had made all the statements imputed to him, (some of which facts, if they had transpired, had escaped his recollection,) he admitted were imprudent, improper, and unadvised — but that they were uttered without malice and without due reflection — that he now regrets having spoken so incautiously and is willing to take

back any thing he may have so uttered. The complainants, after this statement, declare themselves satisfied with the statements and averments of Brother Raleigh, and desire to prosecute no further, and so recommend to the Grand Lodge.

The committee are of opinion that there was sufficient cause on the part of the complainants to institute the prosecution — but in view of the explanations made, and disposition manifested by the defendant, are of opinion that the case be dismissed.

M. Z. Kreider,
Stephen Clary,
Timothy Griffith,
M. M. Laughlin,
Isaac C. Copelen.
K. Porter,
G. D. Palmer.

We agree to and concur in the above:

John P. Worstell,
John G. Willock,
B. F. Raleigh.

Brother *Disney*, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of the Charter of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was agreed to and the committee discharged:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the charter granted by the last Legislature to this Grand Lodge, beg leave to offer for adoption the following resolutions, which, in their opinion, comprise all the action necessary to be had in relation to the subject:

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge accepts the charter granted to it by the General Assembly of this State, and will hereafter act under its provisions.
2. That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby requested to provide a certified copy of said charter, and file it among the archives of the Grand Lodge.*

D. T. Disney, *Chairman.*

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, reported the Lodges entitled to vote and the number of votes that each Lodge was entitled to give, as per report of committee on Credentials.

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* *AN ACT to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.*

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio*, That William B. Thrall, David T. Disney, W. B. Hubbard, George Keifer, James D. Caldwell, J. G. Willock, Theophilus Keckeler, Geo. D. Palmer, A. D. Bigelow, M. Z. Kreider, Sam'l. Reed, William P. Strickland, Geo. P. [W.] Claspill, John W. Milligan, J. S. Burr, and George Johnson, the present officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, and their successors in office, be and hereby are incorporated by the name of *The Grand Lodge of Ohio*, and by which name they shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all courts, the same as natural persons; and with power to hold and convey real and personal property, and to do any and all other things usually done by corporations, and subject to the act now in force, entitled An Act instituting proceedings against corporations not possessing banking powers and the visitorial powers of Courts, and to provide for the regulation of corporations generally, passed March 7, 1842.

Sec. 2. That the said corporators, and their successors, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, shall have power to hold in its name property as Trustee for any subordinate Lodge of this State.

JOHN M. GALLAGHER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
THOMAS W. BARTLEY,
Speaker of the Senate.

March 12, 1844.

Secretary of State's Office,
Columbus, Ohio, May 11, 1857.

I hereby certify that the foreging act "To incorporate the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons," is a true copy from the original rolls on file in this office.

James H. Baker, *Secretary of State.*

Brother *Worstell*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, accompanied with a resolution, which report was received and the resolution agreed to, to wit:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations further report that they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Goshen Lodge No. —, in Clermont county, and find them in proper form, with one exception, that of transacting business in a Lodge under the degree of Master; a practice inconsistent with the constitution of this Grand Lodge.

They have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Marion Lodge No. —, at Mt. Pleasant, in Hamilton county, and find the same to be correct.

Also, the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Mercer Lodge No. —, held at St. Mary's, in Mercer county, and find the same, in all respects, in proper form. Your committee would therefore recommend that charters be granted to Goshen Lodge, Marion Lodge and Mercer Lodge.

Resolved, That Brother Samuel Reed be authorized to take his seat as the representative of Goshen Lodge No. 119, and Brother M. Wallace be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, as the representative of Mercer Lodge No. —.

J. P. Worstell,
S. Reed,
B. F. Smith.

The Grand Lodge then resolved itself into a committee of the whole—Brother Kreider in the chair—for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing Masonic year. When, on counting the ballots, the following brethren were declared duly elected, to wit:

M. W. William B. Thrall, Circleville, Grand Master.
R. W. David T. Disney, Cincinnati, Deputy Grand Master.
" " William B. Hubbard, Columbus, Grand Senior Warden.
" " George Keifer, Troy, Grand Junior Warden.
" " John G. Willock, Lancaster, Grand Treasurer.
" " John T. Arthur, Zanesville, Grand Secretary.

Whereupon, the committee rose and reported the officers elect, which report was agreed to.

Brother *B. F. Smith* moved that two additional members be added to the committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was agreed to, and Brothers Gephart and Walker were added to said committee.

The committee on Charity made the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

The committee on Charity report that they have had the resolution relative to the case of Brother Montgomery under consideration, and are of opinion that owing to the embarrassed condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, it would be improper to make such an allowance; also, that it would be a precedent, which if carried out, would much embarrass the Grand Lodge, and that they would inevitably, in a short time, have a pension list which would absorb all the revenue of the Grand Lodge. Your committee are of opinion that he is more especially an object of charity of the subordinate Lodge under whose jurisdiction he resides, and would recommend him to their particular attention. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take up a voluntary contribution of the members of the Grand Lodge for the relief of Brother Montgomery.

Timo. Griffith,
Wm. Bishop,
John Sayre.

Brother *Reed* offered the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were laid on the table, to wit:

WHEREAS, the members of the New Richmond Lodge No. —, were under incorrect information in regard to the assessment of Grand Lodge dues from Lodges working under dispensation, and from that cause the dues are insufficient in amount as returned,

Resolved, therefore, That the mileage and per diem allowance be deducted from said amount, and that the said Lodge have a credit of thirty days in which to remit the balance due to the Grand Secretary.

The committee on Accounts made the following reports, which were agreed to, to wit:

We, the undersigned committee on Accounts, having examined the Grand Treasurer's books and vouchers of the Grand Lodge fund, for the year ending October 22d, 1844, find a balance in the hands of said Grand Treasurer of $56.76. We have further examined the books of the Grand Lodge Hall fund, and find a balance in favor of the Grand Treasurer, ending same time, of $18.45; which being deducted from the Grand Lodge fund, leaves a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $38.31.

The committee on Accounts further report, that they have examined the accounts rendered by the Grand Secretary, and find the same to be correct, showing a balance in his favor of $9.14, which we hereby recommend to be refunded.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother J. D. Caldwell be allowed the sum of $10.00, the amount of Desilver & Burr's account, for seal press for the Grand Lodge.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
WM. MCCAMMON,
SAML. MILLIKAN.

The committee on Accounts made the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

The undersigned committee on Accounts, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution relative to the disposition of the jewels of Minerva Lodge No. 98, by the Grand Lodge, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer in favor of Minerva Lodge No. 98, for the sum of $38.25, that sum being found to be the sum due to said Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
WM. MCCAMMON,
SAML. MILLIKAN.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to Brother Kreider for his able and highly instructive address delivered before this body on yesterday, and that a copy thereof is requested for publication.

The committee on Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution of Washington Lodge No. 17, recommend for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dues to the Grand Lodge from the Washington Lodge No. 17, amounting to the sum of $39.75, be remitted, and appropriated to the erection and furnishing the Hall for said Lodge, as prayed for in their preamble and resolution.

GEO. L. SHINNICK, *Chairman.*

Which resolution was disagreed to, and the further consideration of the subject indefinitely postponed.

Whereupon the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 25, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the same officers and brethren as on yesterday.

Brother *Clary*, from the committee on Pay-Roll, made a report, which, on motion, was recommitted to the same committee.

Brother *Kreider* moved that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for the relief of Brother Alexander Montgomery, which was referred to the committee on Charity.

Brother *Copelen* presented some proceedings, preamble and resolutions from N. C. Harmony Lodge No. 2, in relation to the Masonic burial service; when Brother *Kreider* moved to lay the same on the table, and offered a resolution in relation to said proceedings; during the discussion of which, Brother *Copelen* asked and obtained leave to withdraw said proceedings, preamble and resolutions.

The committee on Grievances made the following report:

The committee on Grievances to whom was referred the appeal of Thomas W. Mansfield, from the decision of Franklin Lodge No. 14, expelling him from membership, have had the same, together with the testimony, under consideration, and report: That they are of opinion that the 1st, 2d and 4th specifications in the charges preferred against him, are fully sustained by the evidence. Your committee are also of opinion that the offenses charged are of such a nature as fully to justify the action of the subordinate Lodge in reference thereto, and feel compelled, in discharge of their duty, to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proceedings of Franklin Lodge No. 14, against Thomas W. Mansfield, whereby he was expelled from said Lodge, and from the privileges and benefits of Masonry, and from which he has appealed to the Grand Lodge, be confirmed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. MASON,
J. S. BEREMAN,
NAT. EASTMAN.

The same committee made the following report on the appeal of William B. Munday:

The committee on Grievances to whom was referred the complaint of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, against Wm. B. Munday, the examination of which before the subordinate Lodge resulted in his suspension for an indefinite period, and from which he has appealed to the Grand Lodge, have had the same, together with the testimony, under consideration, and report: That while in their opinion, there are some circumstances brought to light in the evidence reflecting, in some degree, upon the Masonic character of the accused, they deem that either the general charge of gross unmasonic conduct or the specific allegations against him are sustained.

Your committee are desirous that every offense against Masonry shall meet with its merited rebuke; but they believe, also, that where the action of the Lodge is to result in the disgrace of a brother, it should be had upon clear and unequivocal evidence of guilt. Your committee do not feel such to be the character of the evidence brought before them.

Your committee are advised that a small portion only of existing evidence, in relation to the subject matter of this complaint, has been obtained. They can only say that if farther and more satisfactory evidence is attainable, and the interests of the subordinate Lodge shall seem to require it, it may furnish sufficient grounds for a renewed action of the complainants, upon new charges to be preferred in their own body.

Upon careful consideration of the testimony brought before them, your committee are led to the conclusion that it does not sustain the charges preferred, and cannot justify the action of the subordinate Lodge. They therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proceedings of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, on complaint against Brother William B. Munday, be not confirmed, and that said complaint be dismissed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. Mason,
J. S. Bereman,
Nat. Eastman.

Which report was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

The same committee made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution agreed to:

The committee on Grievances, to whom were referred the proceedings of Leesburgh Lodge No. 78, on complaint of Brother John E. Batten against Brothers Albert Lockwood and Samuel A. Hopkins, expelling them from the Lodge, and from which they have severally appealed to the Grand Lodge, have had the same, together with the testimony, under consideration, and report:

Your committee have found it extremely difficult to come to a satisfactory conclusion in regard to the complaint under consideration. They have entertained serious doubts whether the charges and specifications preferred against the accused brethren are in form and in substance sufficiently distinct to justify any action of the Grand Lodge in reference to them. These charges and specifications, while they are in form brought against the accused brethren severally, involve them, if at all, in the same acts of fraudulent and unmasonic conduct. There seems to have been, in the subordinate Lodge, but one trial of both the accused, and the whole testimony taken pertains equally to both cases, in so far as it is at all pertinent to the matter, and tends to establish associated misconduct of the accused brethren in the practice of frauds upon their Masonic brethren and others.

Your committee find that the accused were, at the time when the offenses charged are alleged to have been committed, associated in business. That they were deeply involved in debt, and beyond their then present means of payment. That with a view to extricate themselves, or from other motives not known to your committee, they did misrepresent their pecuniary condition to their Masonic brethren and others, to their injury. Your committee are also satisfied that the accused brethren did fraudulently conceal, and otherwise dispose of their property and effects, to the injury of their creditors; and further, that the said Albert Lockwood did abscond from his creditors, and that Samuel A. Hopkins was privy to and assisting him in so doing. Your committee are of opinion, upon deliberation, that some of the charges preferred are proper for the action of the Grand Lodge; and that such charges are sustained by the evidence. Your committee are also of the opinion that the misfortunes with which the accused brethren seem to have been visited, in some measure extenuate their offenses, and would be glad to commend them to the indulgence of the brethren, if they deemed they could do so. They believe, however, that the province of the Grand Lodge is, upon investigation, to affirm or disaffirm the action of the subordinate Lodge. Your committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the proceedings of Leesburgh Lodge No. 78, on complaint of Brother John C. Batten against Albert Lockwood and Samuel A. Hopkins, expelling them from membership, be confirmed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. Mason,
J. S. Bereman,
Nat. Eastman.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the same officers and members as before.

The committee on Accounts reported in favor of the account of S. W. Ely, of four dollars and twenty-five cents, for printing Grand Lodge receipts, which report was agreed to, and the same was ordered to be certified to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

The select committee to whom was referred a communication from Washington Lodge No. 17, made the following report, accompanied by a resolution, to wit:

The select committee to whom was referred a paper from Washington Lodge No. 17, in relation to admissions to the privileges of our Order of individuals under twenty-five years of age, report: That from an examination of the Ancient Constitution, as published under the direct sanction of the Grand Lodge, they find a provision prohibiting any Lodge from admitting "any man under the age of twenty-five years, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master." In all the printed regulations of the Grand Lodge now in force, no express provision is made as to the age which shall qualify an individual for our privileges but the one above stated—the words, however, of "mature and discreet age" are used, as constituting a qualification for admission, and if the committee were to take the common definition given to these words, they would have no difficulty in reporting that they meant twenty-one years; but when our ancient fundamental regulations speak to the point, and specify twenty-five years as being the age to qualify for admission, your committee have some difficulty in arriving at a satisfactory conclusion. In some countries twenty-five may be the age of the majority, but twenty-one is now almost universally adopted as being the maturity of years. The candidate for Masonry must be of lawful age, which is twenty one years in this country, and the Grand Lodge has not intended to establish any other age as constituting lawful age but the one recognized by the law of this country. The committee, then, believe that if the case presented by the papers from Washington Lodge No. 17, has not been fully provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, it is an omission which may be supplied by the uniform practice and common consent of the members of our Order. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge have the right to initiate any applicant of the age of twenty-one years—he possessing all the other prerequisites—without a dispensation from the Grand Master, any law, rule, or regulation, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. SMITH,
J. L. VATTIER,
M. Z. KREIDER.

Which report was received, the resolution agreed to, and the committee discharged.

The committee on Charters and and Dispensations made the following report, accompanied by the resolutions thereto annexed, to wit:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, and the petition in relation to Tarlton Lodge No. 104, at Tarlton, have had the same under consideration, and believe the prayer of said petition should be granted. We have also had under consideration the By-Laws and proceedings of New Richmond Lodge, at New Richmond, in Clermont county, working under dispensation, and that we find them according to the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

That we have examined the petition from a constitutional number of Brethren in Wellington township, Lorain county, praying for a dispensation to establish a Lodge at

said place, to be called Union Lodge, which is duly recommended by Mansfield Lodge No. 35, and Medina Lodge No. 56. Also a petition from a like number of brethren in the town of Jackson, in Jackson county, praying for a dispensation to establish a Lodge at said place, duly recommended by Scioto Lodge No. 6.

The committee have also examined the amended By-Laws of Columbus Lodge No. 30, and find nothing contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

We also find the proceedings of Medina Lodge No. 58, presented by said Lodge according to the order of the Grand Lodge, and find them in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

We have also examined the proceedings and By-Laws of Phœnix Lodge, of Perrysburg, in Wood county, working under dispensation.

We have also examined the proceedings and By-Laws of Carroll Lodge, in Carroll county, working under dispensation, and find their By Laws in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge; but that their work has not been in conformity with said By-Laws.

We have also examined the By-Laws of Oxford Lodge No. 67, and find them in strict accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. And we would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

1. *Resolved*, That Tarlton Lodge No. 104, at Tarlton, be, and it is hereby, authorized to resume its labors, and that it have until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge for the payment of all dues owing by said Tarlton Lodge, according to the request of their petition.

2. That the books and charter of said Lodge be restored for the present, and that the jewels having been loaned to said Tarlton Lodge, be, and they are hereby retained.

3. That a charter issue to New Richmond Lodge, at New Richmond, Clermont county, to be numbered 122.

4. That dispensations issue to the brethren at Wellington township, Lorain county, and also to the brethren at Jackson, Jackson county, on their complying with the regulations in such cases made and provided.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report in reference to the Phœnix and Carroll Lodges, working under dispensation and instruction, now report the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter issue to Phœnix Lodge, to be numbered 123, and that a charter also issue to Carroll Lodge, to be numbered 124.

John P. Worstell,
Samuel Reed,
B. F. Smith,
Geo. C. Gephart,
A. Walker.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

On motion of Brother *Reed*, it was

Resolved, That Brother Whitcomb be permitted to take his seat in the Grand Lodge as the delegate from New Richmond Lodge No. 122.

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the account of Brother Charles Scott, made their report accompanied by a resolution, to wit:

The committee on Accounts, report: That they have examined the account of Brother Charles Scott, and find it to be correct, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary issue an order on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of Brother Charles Scott, for the sum of one hundred and six dollars and fifty cents.

G. L. Shinnick,
W. McCammon,
S. Millikan.

Which report was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

The committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report accompanied by a resolution, which was received and agreed to:

The committee on Foreign Communications, report: That they have received documents from several of the Grand Lodges of the United States, besides a variety of other documents claiming their attention.

Interspersed through the many documents in the hands of your committee, are many subjects of interest and importance to the fraternity, but owing to the brief space of time from the appointment of your committee until the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, it is impossible for them to make such a report as the importance of the subject demands. Your committee, however, have the satisfaction of saying, that from the brief perusal of the documents before them, there appears to be the utmost harmony prevailing among the fraternity throughout the United States, and a great desire manifested by the different Masonic bodies to adopt a system, or plan, by which a uniformity of work shall be speedily and permanently established.

Your committee find nothing in the annual communication of our M. W. Grand Master claiming any special action on their part at this time. They, therefore, recommend for adoption, the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee of *one* be appointed by the Grand Lodge on Foreign Communications, whose duty it shall be to prepare a full and detailed report, to be submitted at the next grand communication, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to said committee all Foreign Communications that may come into his hands, as soon as received. And that said committee be requested to report a plan for establishing a uniform mode of work among the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. Death,
K. Porter,
Joseph Hildreth.

The committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Unfinished Business, report: That they find no unfinished business claiming the attention of the Grand Lodge.

John A. Weyer,
Nathaniel Benjamin,
Obed Hor.

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the M. W. Grand Master was appointed the committee on Foreign Communications, in pursuance of the resolution on that subject.

Brother *Hildreth* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, As the sense of the Grand Lodge, that in conferring the 1st and 3d degrees, it is not proper to introduce more than one candidate at one and the same time.

Which resolution was adopted.

On motion of Brother *Eastman*, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to our Reverend Brother, William P. Strickland, Grand Chaplain, for his services during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

The select committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, made the following report:

The select committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Address as relates to the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, respectfully report: That they have had the subject intrusted to them under very careful consideration, and have become so deeply impressed with the importance of the question, that they deem its proper settlement of vital consequence to the welfare of our institution.

After looking at the foundations on which all our work is constructed, and contemplating the teachings of Masonry in her lectures, charges, etc., your committee can come to but one conclusion on the subject, viz: That the Holy Bible is the great stand-

ard of truth and duty in Masonry, and consequently, that an humble and sincere acknowledgment of its divine origin is indispensable, in the very nature of the case, on the part of all who come to seek or dispense light among us.

After the very clear views on this subject presented by our worthy Grand Master in his annual communication, your committee deem it unnecessary to say much in addition, except in reiteration of the sentiments by him so ably and eloquently expressed.

It is one of the oldest requisitions of the fraternity, that no regular and well governed Lodge can be without its Bible. The Bible is held up to the candidate on his initiation as the first great light in Masonry. He is told that it is the inestimable gift of God to man. His onward pathway, in its entire extent, is lighted up by its blessed precepts. The Faith, the Hope, the Charity, in which he is admonished to abound, is the Faith, the Hope, the Charity of the Bible. The star which shines from the centre of one of the three *ornaments* of the Lodge, is the star which appeared to guide the wise men in the East to the place of the Saviour's nativity. The two eminent patrons of the Order, to whom Christian Masons dedicate their Lodges, are the Sts. John of the Bible; the precepts of which, they present as a wall of defense round about every brother within which he may walk securely and never materially err. No station in the Lodge is too high for the reach of the duties which the Bible enjoins. The Worshipful Master in the East must humbly bow to its authority. On him, as he is about to enter upon his arduous labors, is laid the obligation, weighty above all others, of a *diligent observance of the Holy Scriptures*, which, he is instructed, is to be a rule and a guide to his faith. And, when sorrowing brethren gather around the final resting place of the departed, they mourn not as those who are without hope; the sprig of acacia tells of an ever verdant and bright land beyond the grave. The Lion of the tribe of Judah has vanquished the foe, and hope and consolation are imparted by the thoughts of that life and immortality which the Bible, and the Bible only, has brought to light.

These are but a few of the many evidences that might be presented, to show how essential the Bible is to the existence of Masonry. What, then, is Masonry without the Bible—the Bible, acknowledged in the truth of its divine inspiration? It is the casket without the jewel. It is the body without the soul. It is the world without the sun; and what might be its value despoiled of this, its richest treasure and brightest ornament, would not be worth the trouble of a conjecture.

Your committee, in their search for grounds on which to sustain an opposite opinion, have found nothing meriting that character, unless it be a single clause in section 6th of our Rules and Regulations; the language of which is, "that no religious test shall be required of any applicant for the benefits of Masonry, other than a steadfast belief in the existence and perfections of Deity." In regard to this provision, it is respectfully submitted whether a proper belief in the existence and perfections of Deity, does not of necessity imply a belief in the divine authenticity of the Bible, since from that book we derive the *only* intelligent and satisfactory knowledge of Deity; and whether, therefore, said clause was not predicated upon this hypothesis. But, whatever interpretation may be given to this provision, and granting that it requires only such a belief in Deity as natural religion may afford, your committee are of opinion that it is entitled to no serious weight, against the abundant and clear testimony furnished by the lectures and charges, the authority of which no well informed Mason, it is thought, will be disposed to gainsay or resist. In view therefore of the whole subject, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is clearly of the opinion that a distinct avowal of a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, should be required of every one who is admitted to the privileges of Masonry, and that a denial of the same is an offense against the institution calling for exemplary discipline.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Erastus Burr,
W. B. Hubbard,
Norman Root.

Which report was agreed to and the committee discharged.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations reported the following facts and resolutions:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations have discovered that many of the Lodges have committed errors, by a misconstruction of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, in the following particulars: That they have received petitions and balloted for candidates in the first and second degree, and that Lodges under dispensation have procured their officers to be installed while working under dispensation. They therefore offer for adoption the following resolutions, for the instruction of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

Resolved, That the attention of all subordinate Lodges be especially directed to the fifth rule "for the government of the Lodges of Ohio," at page 53 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, As the sense of the Grand Lodge, that the installation of officers should be confined to chartered Lodges only.

John P. Worstell,
Samuel Reed,
B. F. Smith,
Geo. C. Gephart,
Andrew Walker.

Which report was accepted and resolutions agreed to.

The following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the delegates from Carroll and Phœnix Lodges be permitted to take seats, as delegates for their respective Lodges, in this Grand Lodge.

Brother *John M. Barrere* offered the following amendment to the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio:

1st. Strike out, in the third and fourth lines of the 15th Rule, the following words, "with the unanimous consent thereof," and insert the words, "by the recommendation of a majority of the members present, at any regular stated meeting of the Lodge."

2d. Strike out the following words, in the fourth and fifth lines of the 15th Rule: "If there are two or more Lodges in any county, then the candidate must apply to the Lodge nearest his residence."

Which proposed amendments were received, ordered to be entered on the minutes, and lay over until the next succeeding stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provision of the By-Laws.

Brothere *Barrere* offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Highland Lodge No. 38, at the present communication of the Grand Lodge, paid dues for one member for the year 1843, and two members for the year 1844, who were initiated during those years; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the representative of said Lodge the sum of two dollars, the amount so erroneously paid.

Brother *Dresbach* moved that the preamble and resolution be referred to the committee on Ways and Means; which was disagreed to, and the subject was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Brother *Bereman*, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, together with Brothers W. B. Hubbard and Leander Ransom, be a committee to superintend the printing of five hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its present communication, to be distributed as heretofore.

The committee on Grievances made the following report:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the communication of B. J. Irwin, complaining of certain proceedings of Miami Lodge No. 46, expelling him from membership, beg leave to report, that they have examined said communication, and

do not find that it presents any subject matter for the action of the Grand Lodge. They therefore respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. Mason,
J. S. Bereman,
Nathaniel Eastman.

Which report was agreed to, and the committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Brother *Bereman* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That when the By-Laws of any subordinate Lodge provide that the degrees of Masonry may be conferred upon Ministers of the Gospel free of charge, no initiation fees as dues shall be charged to such subordinate Lodge by the Grand Lodge.

A majority of the select committee, to whom was referred a question in relation to the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio, made the following report:

A majority of the select committee, to whom was referred a question submitted to the Grand Lodge, "whether one who had served as Master of a Lodge previous to the adoption of the present code of By-Laws, and who has not been elected and served as Warden, is eligible to the Mastership under its provisions," submit the following report:

The 2d section of the IXth chapter, provides that "no brother shall be eligible to the Mastership unless he has been elected and served in the station of Warden in some regular Lodge."

Your committee have had no difficulty in arriving at what they suppose to have been the obvious intention of the framers of those By-Laws, in incorporating this salutary provision, and of the body by which it was adopted. The object of that body your committee conceive to have been two-fold: 1st, to secure to the subordinate Lodges the greatest amount of practical Masonic knowledge in their officers; 2d, to fix the best possible standard by which those officers should be selected with reference to that important desideratum.

It will be readily conceded by every one, that a person acting in the capacity of Warden, in order to become an efficient officer, must necessarily be more or less familiar with the duties of Master. The very qualifications required to the faithful discharge of the duties of Warden, qualify him, to a great extent, for the discharge of the duties of Master. Hence the sound policy of introducing a standard by which to measure the practical as well as moral qualities of those into whose hands this important trust is confided.

But let it not be supposed that subordinate Lodges are interdicted by that wholesome provision from traveling beyond the standard fixed, out of which to select material for their presiding officers. If the conclusions of your committee in reference to the question adverted to, be correct, of which they entertain not a shadow of doubt, then it follows, inevitably, that those (and there are many) who, by their industry and fidelity to the Craft, have attained to a high rank in their profession, are necessarily endowed with all the qualifications to fill, honorably and profitably, the station of Master of a Lodge, although they may never have been elected or served in the office of Warden.

Your committee, therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

Timo. Griffith,
Isaac Davis.

I do not concur. W. B. Hubbard.

Which report was agreed to and the committee discharged.

Brother *Keifer* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a vote be taken by Lodges, as to the place of holding the next annual grand communication of the Grand Lodge. That each representative, on the call of his Lodge, designate the place he may desire the same to be holden, and in case no

place voted for shall have a majority of all the votes, the next vote shall be confined to the two places having the highest number of votes.

Whereupon, a vote was had by Lodges, and no one place having a majority of the votes, and the city of Columbus and the town of Massillon, in Stark county, having the highest number of votes, a second call by Lodges was had, when there were 96 votes in favor of Columbus, and 74 in favor of Massillon; whereupon it was proclaimed that Columbus was selected as the place of holding the next grand communication of the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Ways and Means submitted the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

The standing committee on Ways and Means report that there appears, from the books of the Treasurer, remaining on hand at the commencement of this session, the sum of $38 21
There has been paid over to the Treasurer, since that time, the sum of 2,492 87
Making the sum of $2,531 08
Of that sum, the amount necessary to discharge Pay-Roll, to this day inclusive, is 1,046 16
Leaving the sum of $1,484 92

Applicable, first, to the ordinary and incidental expenses of the Grand Lodge; and secondly, to such appropriations of your body as have precedence to all others; and, lastly, to any remaining debts of the Grand Lodge.

Of the 1st Class.

There is for the salary of Grand Secretary, for this and the past year, the sum of..	$300 00	
Balance due Grand Secretary upon his current account heretofore audited.....	9 50	
To same, cash advanced for printing Grand Lodge receipts.....	4 25	
Due Charles Scott, for his bill in full, for printing Grand Lodge proceedings, etc....	106 00	
Due the Grand Tyler for services, heretofore appropriated	15 00	
Due W. B. Thrall, for sundry expenses on committees, heretofore allowed.....	31 00	
Same to W. B. Hubbard	8 00	
To the Grand Chaplain	10 00	
" " " Lecturer	15 00	
" Brother Barney.....	15 70	
" amount for repairing the seal of the Grand Lodge, and cases for books and paper	40 00	
		$554 45

Before proceeding to the 2d class, your committee suggest the propriety of reserving of this sum, as a contingent fund sufficient to cover incidental expenses that may arise, and which have not as yet come to the knowledge of your committee or the amount not being definitely ascertained, as allowances to be made Grand Tyler, Grand Chaplain, taxes, etc... 100 00

Making $654 45
And which subtracted from $1484.92, leaves $830 47

Of the 2d Class.

L. J. Moeller, for printing, heretofore ordered to be paid, with interest 87 92

Leaving $743 55

Of the 3d Class.

Judgment against W. B. Thrall and Willock, in favor of Jesse White, for work done in filling up Grand Lodge Hall lot, which is inclusive of principal, interest and cost, to this date.....	$65 84	
Judgment against the trustees of the Grand Lodge, in favor of Jacob Green, Esq., for balance due on lots, with interest.....	1,090 07	
Balance due Blair & Kinkead, stone masons, with interest.....	398 50	
Lumber in laying corner stone, with interest	11 80	
Balance due Brother Sifford, superintendent.....	150 00	
Making in the aggregate, as balance due on account of the Grand Lodge lots and work done, the sum of.....		1,716 21

To this add the aggregate of sums advanced by the different subordinate Lodges, as heretofore reported and published, interest not included..... 1,978 25

This last sum embraces $1,500 as money advanced by the Lancaster Lodge, and in this estimate and report it is classed as an advance of the same nature and the same equitable claim to be refunded as those of the other Lodges who advanced as they are credited for the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall at Lancaster. The claim on the part of Lancaster Lodge would not exist except upon the ground that the Grand Lodge assumes the liability of the debt, and the Lancaster Lodge, in making its claim and in being paid, have considered the heretofore agreement to build the Grand Lodge Hall at Lancaster as virtually rescinded, or at an end. And the same equity will acquit and discharge the Lancaster Lodge from all liability touching her original subscription or agreement to pay the sum of $5,000 in aid of that work; and this view of the subject, your committee are assured, is satisfactory to the representatives of Lancaster Lodge. Thus making an entire indebtedness of..... 3,694 46

To meeet this, the available means in cash are, as heretofore stated..... 743 55

Leaving unprovided for the sum of..... $2,950 91

And showing a balance of $1,340.90 less than it was at this time a year ago. The only assets belonging to the Grand Lodge, and exclusive of the above, are: 1st. Two lots in the town of Lansaster, the value of which may be estimated at $——. The committee have not any means at hand to ascertain the cash value of these lots. 2d. Stone, some in foundation and some not, value unknown. But the lots with the stone on them, under a levy to satisfy the balance due for the purchase money of lots, have been appraised at the sum of $3,400.

From such information as your committee now possess, they are well satisfied that if the property so levied upon, is suffered to be sold at two-thirds of its appraised value, the Grand Lodge would incur a very serious loss; a loss, as well as a mode of payment of our debts that ought not to be tolerated.

In view of the foregoing facts, and for the purpose of discharging all the existing liabilities with the utmost promptness, your committee beg leave to offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed, with power, after the Grand Lodge shall have adjourned, to investigate and ascertain specifically every indebtedness whatever of the Grand Lodge, and also, each and every item of its assets, whether real or personal; and with power,

1st. To mortgage, sell, hypothecate, or otherwise dispose of any of said assets, whether real or personal.

2d. To loan, on such terms as can best be obtained, any amount of funds necessary.

3d. By the avails to pay, satisfy and discharge every honest bona fide debt against the Grand Lodge; and the officers of the Grand Lodge, severally or jointly, are hereby authorized and required to sign, seal, execute and deliver any instrument, deed, transfer, or other writing deemed necessary and proper by said committee for carrying out the foregoing resolution; and the said committee to make report of their proceedings in the premises at the next annual communication.

Resolved, That for the purposes above specified, the said committee shall have the control of any moneys in the hands of the Treasurer, and not heretofore specifically appropriated.

Resolved, further, That the said committee so to be appointed, shall have full power to fund any or all of said debts, and upon such terms as they may deem best, and in all such cases, they may require of the Grand Secretary, or such other officer or officers, to issue a proper warrant or certificate, duly executed, and to be binding upon the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Hubbard,
M. Z. Kreider,
Elijah Vance.

The select committee to whom were referred the preamble and resolution in relation to Hebron Lodge, made the following report, which was agreed to, and the committee discharged:

The committee to whom were referred the preamble and resolution in relation to Hebron Lodge, in Licking county, have had the subject under consideration and now report thereon:

The 3d section of the 2d chapter of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio provides, that in extraordinary cases, either when a new Lodge is formed, and no past or former Warden is found among its members, or an old Lodge is in like emergency, it is made competent for such Lodges to select Master Masons, although they have served in no such offices, if they be well learned, to constitute Masters and Wardens in such cases.

Your committee deem it unnecessary for them to add another word upon the subject, other than to direct the attention of our brethren of Hebron Lodge to the authority herein cited. Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

TIMO. GRIFFITH,
ISAAC DAVIS.

On motion of Brother *Barrere*, the officers elect were installed, and took their appropriate stations.

The Past Grand Secretary presented from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a copy of the addresses of the M. W. Past Grand Master Brother *Joseph R. Chandler*, which, on motion of Brother Smith, were ordered to be placed in the archives of the Grand Lodge, and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be returned to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Brother *Vattier*, the following resolution was referred to the committee on Accounts:

Resolved, That all brethren who have been summoned to appear at this grand communication as witnesses, shall be paid per diem and mileage at the same rate as allowed to the delegates of the several Lodges; provided, they do not receive pay as representatives of any subordinate Lodge.

The R. W. Brother D. G. Master, announced the following communication from the M. W. Grand Master, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

I hereby nominate the following brethren, to sustain the offices in the Grand Lodge affixed to their respective names, to wit:

R. W. WILLIAM P. STRICKLAND, Cincinnati, Grand Chaplain.
" " ERASTUS BURR, Portsmouth, Grand Orator.
" " SAMUEL REED, Cincinnati, Grand Lecturer.
" " STEPHEN CLARY, Cleveland, Grand Marshal.
" " FRENCH W. THORNHILL, Coshocton, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " BENJAMIN F. SMITH, Mt. Vernon, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " GEORGE W. CLASPILL, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.

W. B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

Which nominations being severally considered, were unanimously confirmed.

Brother *Clary*, from the standing committee on the Pay Roll, made report, which was agreed to: [Pay Roll amounting to $1083.]

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 7 o'clock.

SEVEN O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge met; M. W. William J. Reese, P. G. M., in the chair.

On motion, the officers appointed by the M. W. Grand Master were then duly installed.

On motion of Brother *Smith*, the resolution heretofore passed in relation to the time for the meeting of the next Grand Lodge was reconsidered, and amended so as to read the "third Tuesday in October next."

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Annual Communication as relates to Masonic Convocations, made the following report, which was agreed to, viz:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Annual Communication as relates to Masonic Convocations, have had the same under consideration, and report:

That in the opinion of your committee, there is no means better calculated to cherish the kindly feelings of our nature, or to diffuse correct Masonic intelligence among the fraternity, than frequent meetings of the kind alluded to, among neighboring Lodges. There is perhaps no section of our jurisdiction where it would be inconvenient to hold one or two such Convocations every year; and we are fully persuaded that a fair trial of the plan suggested by the M. W. Grand Master, has only to be made, to prove its great utility. Some of your committee have, within the past year, witnessed some of the happy influences attending such Masonic Convocations, and heartily join in the recommendation of the adoption of some general system that will produce the end desired.

Without entering into any lengthy argument showing the usefulness of the proposed Masonic Convocations, or the adoption of any permanent plan, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Lodges in each Congressional District within this State, where two or more Lodges exist, be requested to hold, in each ensuing year, at least one Convocation at some convenient central point; and that the time and place of such meeting be designated by the oldest Lodge in such district.

J. S. Bereman,
Wm. R. Kerr.
Samuel Glenny,
Marvin Tracy.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, As the sense of the Grand Lodge, that the Grand Officers in attendance who are required to be present, are entitled to their mileage and per diem fees, as other delegates; and that the committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to enter their names accordingly.

On motion of Brother *N. Eastman*, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Orator, be requested to deliver a public Masonic Address before the Grand Lodge, on the second day of the next annual communication.

Brother *Griffith*, from the committee on Charity, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charity, to whom was referred a resolution for the payment of the sum of twenty-five dollars out of the funds of the Grand Lodge to Brother Montgomery, have considered the same, and now report: That they have examined the principles involved in this matter on another occasion, presented to them in another yet somewhat similar form, upon which a report has been submitted, and is now in the possession of the Grand Lodge. Having no new light upon the subject, your committee, from a sense of duty which they owe to the Grand Lodge, as well as to themselves, recommend that the sentiments contained in that report be now adhered to.

While your committee take this occasion to express their heartfelt sympathy for their unfortunate brother, they would at the same time ask for the appointment of the committee recommended in their former report. The committee would, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Timo. Griffith,
John Sayre.

Brother *Grand Secretary* presented to the Grand Lodge, on behalf of Columbus Lodge No. 30, thirty-six copies of an address delivered by Brother W. P. Strickland, at a Masonic Convocation in Lithopolis, when on motion, it was ordered that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Columbus Lodge No. 30, therefor.

The report by Brother *Drinker*, on Foreign Communications, was then taken up, and on motion, referred to Brothers Vance, Strickland and Donahoo, who reported it back, and it was agreed to in the following form, to wit:

Report of the committee on Foreign Communications appointed by the Grand Lodge in 1843.

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the undersigned were appointed a committee upon Foreign Communications, to report at large and in detail to the Grand Lodge at its present communication, in accordance with the following resolution adopted by said Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That a committee on Foreign Communications of three be appointed by the present Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to prepare a full and detailed report, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next grand communication.

And further, that it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward to such committee, at least one month previously to the meeting of the next Grand Lodge, all the documents and communications pertaining to their department which shall come to his hand. And further, that he shall endeavor to obtain communications from every State in this Union, and from as many Foreign States as possible.

Your committee have always been ready and desirous to make such a report as is required by this resolution, but for some cause not sufficiently within the control of said Grand Secretary, they have not received the documents necessary to enable them to make such report. They have obtained from the Grand Secretary only five or six documents received by him since the last grand communication, whereas, we have received information from him that the documents still in his hands, are very "voluminous." Under these circumstances we have thought it useless to attempt to make any report at all upon the few papers in our hands, knowing that it would be impossible to fulfil the intention of the resolution under which we were appointed, and that an additional report would be required upon the "voluminous" documents still in the hands of the Grand Secretary. We have, therefore, thought it more expedient to bring with us the few documents in our possession, in order that they may, in conjunction with those still in the hands of the Grand Secretary, be submitted to and reported upon, in a body, by the committee which these circumstances will render necessary to be appointed by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. Drinker,
J. L. Vattier.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the brethren present, for their liberal contribution to Brother Montgomery.

Brother *Clary* offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid upon the table:

Resolved, That the committee heretofore appointed by the Grand Lodge to superintend the publication of the proceedings of the present grand communication, be directed to give the printing of the same to Brother Worstell.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, namely:

Brother Marvin Tracy, Mt. Vernon, Grand Sword Bearer.
" Norman Root, Athens, Brother John A. Weyer, Jacobsburg, Grand Pursuviants.
" Geo. M. Herencourt, Columbus, Samuel Millikan, Washington, Grand Stewards.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Brother Raleigh's case in relation to witnesses, made the following report, to wit:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Vattier, relative to the pay of the witnesses in Brother Raleigh's case, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the witnesses in attendance on the Grand Lodge, be allowed and paid the same per diem and mileage compensation as are paid representatives.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
WM. MCCAMMON,
SAML. MILLIKAN.

On motion of Brother *Gephart*, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to Columbus Lodge No. 30, for the use of their hall.

On motion of Brother *W. B. Hubbard*, it was ordered that the report of the committee of Ways and Means be so amended as to conform to the altered state made by the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Coleman* offered a resolution allowing Brother Claspill $15 for his services as Grand Tyler, which was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be allowed and paid to Brother Claspill for his services as Grand Tyler during the present communication.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
SAMUEL MILLIKAN.

No further business appearing for the action of the Grand Lodge, after an address to the Throne of Grace, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was closed in harmony and in ample form.

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

Attest,

JOHN T. ARTHUR, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at the City of Columbus, October 21, A. D. 1845—A. L. 5845.

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother CHAS. SCOTT, Columbus.]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO assembled at Masons' Hall, in the city of Columbus, on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, A. D. 1845, A. L. 5845, in grand communication, in pursuance of the By-Laws, to transact its annual Masonic business. Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Grand Master.
R. W. WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, Deputy Grand Master *pro tem.*
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Grand Senior Warden.
" " STEPHEN CLARY, Grand Junior Warden.
" " TIMOTHY GRIFFITH, Grand Treasurer *pro tem.*
" " JOHN T. ARTHUR, Grand Secretary.
" " WILLIAM P. STRICKLAND, Grand Chaplain.
" " SAMUEL REED, Grand Lecturer.
" " GEORGE L. SHINNICK, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " JOHN A. WEYER, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " G. W. CLASPILL, Grand Tyler.

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace by the Reverend Grand Chaplain, preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following standing committees:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Reed, Tiernan and Bartram.
On Credentials—Brothers Arthur, Millikan and Cornelius.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee on Credentials made the following report:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
1.	American Union	Jas. Dunn, Hugh Trevor.
2.	N. C. Harmony	W. B Dodds, I. C. Copelen.
4.	New England	Geo. Taylor, M. S. Wilkinson.
5.	Amity	George L. Shinnick.
6.	Scioto	James D. Caldwell.
8.	Harmony	A. R. Colwell, W. L. Mosgrove, W. B. Moore.
9.	Mt Zion	J. N. Burr, B. F. Smith, J. B. Brown.
13.	St. Johns'	John Sayre, J. L. Howard, H. Vinal.
14.	Franklin	Geo. Keifer, W. Fielding, I. N. Walter.
15.	Cleveland City	Stephen Clary.
16.	Belmont	Wilmeth Jones.
17.	Washington	C. K. Smith, B. F. Raleigh.
23.	Pickaway	W. Bishop, J. Miller, H. Beeson.
24.	Warren	Jonas Ward, Robert McMurdy.
25.	Paramuthia	O. J. Eckley.
28.	Temple	S. Laraway.
29.	Clermont Social	J. S. B. Frazier.
30.	Columbus	T. Griffith, J. W. Milligan.
33.	Ebenezer	S. Hemphill.
35.	Mansfield	D. McCullough, J. Hildreth.
37.	Mt. Moriah	S. Beach, R. Dodge.
38.	Highland	J. W. Woolas, J. M. Barrere.
44.	Columbia	W. Ingersoll.
45.	Steubenville	M. M. Laughlin.
46.	Miami	Robert Moore.
47.	Clinton	Kent Jarvis.
48.	Aurora	Daniel W. Pressell, Rev. E. Burr.
57.	Lancaster	M. A. Dougherty, G. Steinman, Jas. Gates.
58.	Medina	J. A. Rettig.
61.	Bethel	J. W. Sims.
64.	Mt. Vernon	P. Benedict, Jas. R. Norton
67.	Oxford	Alfred Luce
70.	Marion	John Bartram.
71.	Union	B. F. Johnson.
72.	Georgetown	John Allen.
74.	Wads. and Seville	Jas. M. Elder.
76.	Somerset	B. Stone, M. M. Palmer.
77.	Sandusky	H. Kuhn.
79.	Lafayette	J. T. Arthur, T. Bell, G. D. Palmer.
81.	Lafayette	Jos. Draper, J. L. Vattier.
82.	Bolivar	Francis Leas.
83.	King Solomon	S. L. Shaw, J. F. Knlght.
85.	Jackson	T. J. Davis.
87.	Salem	W. C. Galliher.
88.	Hiram	N. Benjamin.
89.	Friendship	Jos. Fry.
90.	Jefferson	A. R. Maxwell.
93.	Chardon	Stephen Larway.
97.	Newark	A. D. Bigelow.
102.	Union	G. Crossley.
103.	Friendship	Burris Moore.
104.	Tarlton	J. F. Miller, A. Nye, G. E. Wolfley.
105.	Moriah	John A. Weyer.
106.	Fellowship	J. W. Howell.
107.	Washington	S. Millikan, J. S. Bereman.
108.	Washington	B. Bonnett.
111.	Corinthian	Jas. Cornelius.
112.	Wood County	Andrew Young.
113.	Clinton	D. L. Tullis.
114.	Warrenton	W. L. Pernel
115.	Hanover	G. H. Stewart.
117.	Star	W. T. Goodwin.
118.	Malta	D. Sinsabaugh.
119.	Goshen	S. Reed.
120.	Marion	D. Isgrigg.
121.	Mercer	N. H. Starbuck.
123.	Phœnix	Andrew Young.
124.	Carroll	M. J. Tiernan.
—.	Cincinnati	A. Death, D. Lapham.
—.	Amity of Jackson	J. H. C. Miller.
—.	Rising Sun	Geo. C. Loveland.
—.	Vinton	W. Symmes.
—.	Union	J. S. Wadsworth.
—.	Sparta	D. Leadbetter.
—.	Lebanon	John Sayre.

Making sixty-eight chartered Lodges, and seven working under dispensation.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. ARTHUR,
JAS. CORNELIUS,
SAMUEL MILLIKAN.

There being a constitutional number of Lodges duly represented, the M. W. Grand Master declared THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO duly opened for the dispatch of business.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following standing committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Shinnick, Stewart, Dodds and Bishop.

On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers S. Reed, Palmer, Hemphill, Vinal and Jarvis.

On Charity—Brothers Griffith, Sayre, Copelen, Wilkinson and J. Miller.

On Grievances—Brothers Vattier, Starbuck, Frazier, Luce and Shaw.

On Unfinished Business—Brothers Barrere, Elder, Rettig, Steinman and Nye.

On Foreign Communications—Brothers Hildreth, J. N. Burr, Trevor, Dougherty and Death.

On Ways and Means—Brothers Hubbard, Jas. D. Caldwell, Howell, J. H. C. Miller and Eckley.

On Pay Roll—Brothers Laughlin, Fielding, B. F. Johnson, Allen and Pernel.

The M. W. Grand Master then presented and read his annual communication, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

BRETHREN: — Once again, in the good providence of God, we are assembled in the character of a Grand Lodge, to mingle fraternal sympathies, and take counsel with each other of matters pertaining to our common welfare. A retrospective glance at the year which has transpired since last we met in Grand Lodge, affords much cause of gratulation and thanksgiving for the manifold blessings vouchsafed us in our masonic capacity. Our lives have been prolonged—our health preserved—and the oft and abiding pleasures of our masonic sanctuaries been dispensed and enjoyed, with no one to molest or make us afraid. Not merely within our own particular jurisdiction, but throughout the masonic world, a day of millennial deliverance seems to have dawned upon our Order, dispelling the mists of prejudice and error, and disclosing to the uninitiate world somewhat of the innocence, purity and catholic confraternity of a society so ancient, that "no art, no science preceded it"—so honorable, that the most enlightened princes and potentates of the earth listen with delight to its teachings, and receive its tokens as favors. I proceed, in compliance with the requirements of our laws, to communicate to you a statement of my official acts during recess of the Grand Lodge.

Letters of dispensation have been granted, since the last annual grand communication, constituting five new Lodges within our jurisdiction; that is to say—

On the 15th of February, to Brothers Daniel P. Leadbetter, Joseph Ankeny, William R. Sapp, Francis Haughey, William S. Taneyhill, T. S. Gilbert, John Gray, Albertus Geiger, F. G. Hart, and their associates, at Millersburg, in Holmes county, by the name of *Sparta Lodge.*

On the 24th of February, to Brothers Wright Warner, Matthias Collier, Jacob S. Sterling, Walter M. Blake, Isaac Hartman, Sebastian Brainerd, James B. Parish, John Wilkison, and their associates, at Dover, in Tuscarawas county, by the name of *Tuscarawas Lodge.*

On the 6th of June, to Brothers Samuel Reed, Absalom Death, Frederick Bodmann, Henry E. Spencer, Darius Lapham, Moses Brooks, William P. Strickland, N. W. Thomas, Charles Lee Avery, and their associates, at Cincinnati, by the name of *Cincinnati Lodge.*

On the 18th of June, to Brothers William W. Reed, George C. Loveland, Josiah Allen, John Hall, Roger W. Griswold, B. Hubbard, David Warner, J. B. Waters, Samuel Gifford, E. W. Mead, George Ford, John Rattle, and their associates, at Ashtabula, in Ashtabula county, by the name of *Rising Sun Lodge.*

On the 29th of July, to Brothers Anselm T. Holcomb, Hiram Wilcox, Ira Holcomb, Stewart A. Lashly, Samuel R. Holcomb, Francis Guthrie, John Holcomb, James Eberline, and their associates, at Vinton, Gallia county, by the name of *Vinton Lodge.*

The moral and masonic character of the applicants for the foregoing Lodges, furnishes the surest guaranty that the important and delicate interests committed to their hands, will be scrupulously cared for and diligently guarded.

Besides the dispensations granted as above, other applications have been made in two or three instances; but not being, in all essentials, conformable to the requirements of the Constitution, I have felt it my duty to withhold the authority sought.

Among other communications received, was one from a distinguished and esteemed brother, advising the Grand Master that the Lodge from which that brother hails, and which had remained dormant for some twelve years or more, had resolved to resume its Masonic labors, having procured a suitable Hall for holding its meetings, chosen its officers, and fixed upon a day for their public installation. Regarding this procedure as irregular, and in contravention of the authority and repeated action of the Grand Lodge, I addressed the brother, advising him of the views entertained by me in the premises, and suggesting, as the appropriate remedy, either to petition for a dispensation, as in case of a new Lodge, or else to await the present meeting of the Grand Lodge, submit the matter as on application for authority to resume labor, and abide its decision. This suggestion—to my mind so rational—was received by the brethren to whom it was addressed in all kindness, with evident tokens of unmingled surprise. The matter is

submitted to your consideration, with a view to elicit some definite expression, not with reference to this particular case, but for the information of others in like circumstances with the brethren referred to, and for the guidance of whomsoever may succeed me in the responsible station of your presiding officer.

It has been my good fortune to attend, during the past summer, upon two especial communications of the Grand Lodge, of no ordinary Masonic interest. The first, convened at Cincinnati, on the 4th day of June, at the instance of *Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge* No. 2, for the purpose of laying, with ancient and appropriate ceremony, the head stone of the corner of an edifice, built under the auspices of that Lodge, for the accommodation of the fraternity of that city. The building is already erected and under roof—an ornament to that beautiful city, and an enduring monument to the munificence, taste and Masonic spirit of the brotherhood there. An incident, to me of thrilling interest, transpired during my visit to the Lodges of Cincinnati. It was the opportunity afforded me of greeting and taking by the hand a brother,* in the enjoyment of a green old age, who was *the first Mason initiated in the oldest Lodge of that place—perhaps the first upon whose vision the mysterious light of Masonry beamed, west of the Alleghany mountains.* That brother still survives—to his Masonic brethren a valuable relic of the past, a priceless treasure in possession. Long may he be spared to enjoy the sweet communings of Masonic intercourse, and by a blameless walk and conversation, stand out, a living, practical refutation of the calumnies of our adversaries.

The other instance to which I refer, was the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Circleville, on the 22d day of August, at the instance of *Pickaway Lodge* No. 23, to dedicate, with Masonic solemnities, the new Hall belonging to the fraternity of that place. The Hall formerly occupied by them, and still their property, having (by the recent growth and extension of the town in an opposite direction) become too remote for convenience as a Lodge room, the brethren have appropriated it to educational purposes, and supplied themselves with a new, beautiful and spacious Hall, in the most central portion of the town—connected with which are four convenient and commodious rooms; so that in point of neatness, and facilities for the practice of our rites, they vie with the most favored Lodges in the state.

In consequence of information communicated to me by the Worshipful Master and some of the other officers of *Batavia Lodge* No. 109, of improprieties permitted by that Lodge, I felt it my imperative duty to arrest the charter of that Lodge, which I did on the 7th day of November last, at the same time citing said Lodge to show cause, if any it have, at the present grand communication, why said charter should not be revoked. The letter communicating intelligence upon which this action was predicated, is at the disposal of the Grand Lodge. As by the action already had, the functions of that Lodge are only suspended until the present grand communication, it devolves upon the Grand Lodge to determine what shall be its future position in the Masonic family of the state. The charter, jewels and furniture of the Lodge, are entrusted, in the interim, to the custody of the Master of the Lodge.

Certain irregularities on the part of *Washington Lodge* No. 108, having been reported to me, which threatened to bring that Lodge into conflict with *Mt. Zion Lodge* No. 9; and having been apprised, moreover, of sundry departures from the fundamental usages of the Order by *Somerset Lodge* No. 76, I availed myself of the advice of such officers of the Grand Lodge as were accessible at a special communication; and in pursuance of such advice, commissioned Brother Samuel Reed as my Special Deputy to visit those Lodges, inspect their records and their work, correct their proceedings, and impart all necessary instruction. Brother Reed entered upon this most delicate service, with that "fervency and zeal" which distinguished Masons in the palmy days of our old Institution. He succeeded in arresting and correcting the irregularities complained of, and in removing the cause of uneasiness from among those Lodges. His report of his proceedings, and the result of his labors under that commission, are herewith submitted. As our

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* Griffin Yeatman, Esq.

Lodges multiply in number, it seems but reasonable to anticipate that like visitations will become more frequently necessary. Through the instrumentality of such visits, made by intelligent and judicious brethren, much of the elements of discord may be removed from Lodges, prejudices eradicated, brethren be brought to work in harmonious coöperation, who otherwise had "remained at perpetual distance," and the dissonant sound of *iron tools* exchanged for the spirit stirring "sound of the gavel." I submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge, the propriety of making adequate provision for defraying the necessary expenses attendant on such visitations, either from a common fund, or by the Lodge on whose account the visit may be undertaken.

I received, during recess of the Grand Lodge, a circular letter from Brother H. Leblanc de Marconnay, General Secretary of the honorable Lodge of the *Clementé Amité of the Order of Paris*, offering corresponding filiation, and asking my intervention to open a communication between one of the most respectable Lodges under our jurisdiction and the *Clementé Amité*. Among so many Lodges that might worthily aspire to the distinction, it was a task somewhat invidious to make the selection desired. After some deliberation, however, I concluded that *Nova Cœsarea Harmony Lodge* No. 2, as being the senior Lodge in the state upon whose altar the lights of Masonry have never burned dim—and as being located at the commercial metropolis, not only of our own state, but of the great valley of this western hemisphere—was the appropriate Lodge to furnish the "fixed address" for the proposed correspondence; and I accordingly applied to that Lodge to furnish the name of some brother, a member thereof, worthy and willing to assume this distinguished post. The honor fell upon Brother Elam P. Langdon; and suffice it to say, I am persuaded it could not have been more worthily conferred. His appointment was made out and transmitted in March last, and I indulge the fond hope that it may afford us the means of a frequent and beneficial intercommunication with our courteous brethren of the French metropolis.

The limited edition of the *Book of Constitutions*—a work prepared with much care, and adopted by the Grand Lodge two years ago—is already exhausted. New Lodges, to whom the work is indispensable, as well as individual brethren, who find it a very useful and convenient compendium of Masonic law, seek in vain to supply themselves with this necessary little text-book. I suggest that the copy-right be secured on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and a new edition, with an index, be authorized. I am of opinion the publication thereof may be procured without involving any onerous expenditure on the part of the Grand Lodge.

No small degree of solicitude has been expressed among the fraternity of several States, within the few past years, for a more exact uniformity in the mode of work and lectures, as taught within their respective jurisdictions; and for the consummation of this object, a convention of the representatives of sixteen Grand Lodges, Ohio inclusive, was held in 1843. The venerable brother who was our representative in that convention, and who served on the committee on Work, shortly afterwards ceased his active labors among the Lodges of this State; whereby a most grave and arduous responsibility was devolved on your presiding officer; inasmuch as it is made the express duty of the Grand Lecturer, under the advice and with the concurrence of the *Grand Master* to cause the work of the Lodges to be uniform. I was greatly relieved in the discharge of the duties thus devolved, by a communication addressed to me by Brother Carnegy, Past Grand Master, but at present Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, who was also a member of the convention, and served on the committee above referred to. He informed me that he had inspected the mode of teaching, both in work and lectures, as practised by Brother Rfed, our present Grand Lecturer, and that such mode conforms in all essential particulars, and in nearly all the details, to the system adopted by the National Masonic Convention. This induced a wish on my part for the means of personal observation of Brother Reed's system of communicating Masonic instruction. I availed myself of such opportunity, and was gratified in no small degree, in recognizing the almost literal lessons formerly imparted by our lamented Brother, the late Thomas Smith Webb, to whose memory the Masonic fraternity owes a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid, and which is

best acknowledged by cherishing in our memories, and practicing in our lives, the many valuable moral and Masonic precepts so forcibly inculcated by that estimable and truly good man. I embrace the occasion to remark, in this connection, that if our brethren, in their zeal to produce *uniformity*, would apply themselves diligently in searching out *the old paths*, rather than tax their ingenuity in vain efforts to fix new way-marks, the result would be in the end more satisfactory to themselves, and more profitable to the cause they seek to advance. For, whatever may be the influence of the times upon other institutions, Freemasonry has never profited by any deviation from the *exact teachings* of those eminently good men of old, whose *wisdom* modeled it into form, whose *strength* of intellect devised the means of transmitting it through a succession of ages to us, who now possess the treasure in much of the pristine *beauty* with which their labors adorned it. Let us strive to preserve, in all its simple grandeur, that which it were presumption in any one to attempt to improve. Let us defend, in its admirable symmetry, that wherein no change can be made but to mar.

About to retire from the station to which the partiality of my brethren assigned me two years since, I should do violence to the dictates of my heart, were I to omit, on this occasion, to tender to you, and through you to the fraternity of Ohio, my grateful acknowledgments for the uniform kindness and urbanity which I have received at their hands. Sensibly impressed with the important duties of that station, and the distinguished ability with which those duties had been discharged by my predecessor, it was not without serious mental misgivings that I entered upon the exalted trust. It has been my honest aim to deserve the continued confidence and esteem of my brethren; and the consciousness that in this service I have not wholly wrought in vain, is my ample reward. It will now devolve upon you, my brethren, to seek out from among yourselves a brother of good report—one who has "learned the luxury of doing good"—to preside over your deliberations and look to our common interests. Many such we have among us, and it shall be no less my pleasure than my duty to invest with the emblem of his authority and the insignia of your choice, him "whose merits claim justly that highest badge to wear."

Trusting that our present convention may be a source of present enjoyment to its members and lasting benefit to those they represent; and imploring that our labors may be crowned with a blessing from the God of our fathers, and that He will vouchsafe to each of you a safe return to his family and his Lodge,

I abide faithfully your Brother,

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

The M. W. Grand Master, in referring to the committee on Foreign Correspondence, the budget of communications received during the past year, from our sister Grand Lodges, remarked:

That by a resolution of the Grand Lodge, at its last annual communication, he was charged with the duty of making a report thereon. On reflection, he was induced to think that this resolution was inconsiderately passed, as it contravened one of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, requiring that these communications shall be referred to a standing committee consisting of not less than three nor more than five members of the Grand Lodge. He had concluded not to interfere with the appropriate labors and duties of that committee; but had, however, so collated and arranged the foreign correspondence, as he hoped would facilitate the labors of the committee, and enable it in due time to bring forth a report, which would be more satisfactory to the Grand Lodge than any which it would have been in his power to make.

Brother *William Fielding*, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, appeared and took his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Fielding* offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table.

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to report on the present condition of Temperance Lodge, and to recommend such measures as they may deem just and expedient in the premises.

On motion, it was agreed that Brother S. Reed be excused from serving on the committee on Charters and Dispensations, in the case of Cincinnati Lodge, and Brother B. F. Smith was appointed in his stead.

Brother *Caldwell* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Charity:

Resolved, That the sum of —— dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, to our worthy distressed Brother A. Montgomery.

On motion of Brother *Shinnick*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the communication of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a committee of three, to designate suitable committees to whom reference shall be made of such matters in that communication as they may designate.

The Grand Master announced Brothers Shinnick, Caldwell and Strickland said committee.

Brother *Elder* presented a petition from sundry brethren, for a new Lodge at Harrisville, which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Tiernan*, the returns of Carroll Lodge No. 64, were referred to the committee on Credentials.

Brother *Young* presented a petition from Wood County Lodge, which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Benjamin* offered the following resolution, which was laid upon the table:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Dayton, Montgomery county, on the third Tuesday of October next.

Brother *Strickland* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Grievances:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire of the representative of Malta Lodge, by what authority said Lodge conferred the degrees of Masonry upon G. W. Potter; also, that said committee inquire of the representative of Corinthian Lodge No. 111, by what authority said Lodge elected two Masters in one year.

On motion of Brother *Crossley*, the appeal from the decision of Union Lodge No. 102, was referred to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, October 22, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the reading of the minutes was postponed until to-morrow morning.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's communication, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, to designate the several committees to whom its several subjects should be

referred, report that they have had the same under consideration, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much as relates to the granting dispensations be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to the arresting the charters of subordinate Lodges; also, so much as relates to Washington Lodge No. 108, Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, and Somerset Lodge No. 76, together with the report of Brother Samuel Reed, be referred to a select committee of three.

That so much as relates to the Circular received from Brother H. Leblanc de Marconnay, General Secretary, etc., be referred to the committee on Foreign Communications.

That so much of the communication as relates to the publication of an additional number of the *Book of Constitutions*, be referred to a select committee of three.

That so much as relates to the defraying the necessary expenses attendant on citations of Lodges by the M. W. Grand Master or his Deputy, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

That so much of said communication as relates to the Uniformity of Work, be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
JAMES D. CALDWELL,
WM. P. STRICKLAND.

Brother *Hubbard*, from the Committee on Ways and Means, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee appointed at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, upon the debts and credits of that body, and with plenary powers, as expressed in the resolution (at pages 48 and 49 of the journals) creating it, are ready to report by their Chairman:

The undersigned would remark at the outset, that owing to the absence of his colleagues, he is unable to enjoy the aid and assistance he otherwise would have had from their presence and counsel in framing this report; and that they, thus being absent, will be exempt from any errors that may attach to this report.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the committee entered upon the discharge of their duties under their instructions.

From the report, last year, of the Committee on Ways and Means, it was obvious to them, that the small sum (compared to the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge) then in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and the unavailable nature of the stone and lots at Lancaster, and the insufficiency of the whole, if made available, rendered it absolutely necessary to adopt some mode of raising a further sum in cash, and at as short a period of time as possible. The imperious necessity for this was apparent from the fact that confidence on the part of the creditors was lost, their patience exhausted long before that time, and executions were then pending over the property of the Grand Lodge, and against the property of several of the individuals who had become answerable for some of its debts.

Again; it was necessary to devise some plan to borrow the cash, in such a manner as to insure to its creditors their punctual payment at the time agreed upon. This course, it was easy to foresee, would enable the committee to obtain the money at a fair rate of interest, and without a great sacrifice of the property.

The plan was finally adopted, in extending to all of the old debts due to subordinate Lodges, the same principle that had been agreed upon at the compromise of the claims for and against the Grand Lodge and the Lancaster Lodge.

It was agreed to create a funded debt, with interest payable annually, and the principal reïmbursable at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, for all that class of debts; and for which certificates or bonds were to be issued accordingly.

To relieve the property, and brethren debtors, from execution, the former arrangement enabled the committee to adopt another class of certificates, or debts, the principal payable with interest at six per cent. per annum, on the third Tuesday of this present month; and owing to the assurance, thus in the power of the committee to give, and which was given, the requisite amount of money was finally raised, and with the aid of the first named mode, the entire indebtedness of the Grand Lodge was fully paid off.

The two forms of certificates adopted will be found at page 8 of the committee's proceedings and correspondence.

Believing that each of the subordinate Lodges were deeply interested in the honor and welfare of the Grand Lodge, your committee prepared a circular, and sent a copy of it to all the subordinate Lodges, inviting loans for one year, of such sums as their ability would permit. In general, the restricted condition of the finances of the subordinates, disabled them from contributing any thing; whilst others, inclusive of some of the subordinate chapters, liberally advanced to the extent of their means: and some of them, with a just regard for the welfare of the Grand Lodge, directed the money, thus advanced by them, to be funded and reïmbursable at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge. But the amount thus received was entirely inadequate to supply the necessary means.

In this state of things, and after having failed to obtain the necessary sum from any and every other source, your committee appealed to the liberal feelings of Masons individually. That appeal was not in vain. The necessary sums were raised, and the debts discharged. It is proper to again repeat, that these private advances were made upon the pledges of your committee, authorized fully by the Grand Lodge, that they should be refunded at its next meeting. These loans were made at the rate of only six per cent. per annum, at a time when money was worth ten to twelve. The Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodge creditors, were largely gainers by this, as the property, if then sold, would have been sold at such a great sacrifice as to leave all the debts, except the then judgment creditors, and them only in part, unprovided for, and many years would have been required to have finally discharged the other debts.

Now after discharging the advances made by individuals, the residue of the debts are fully in the power of the Grand Lodge to pay, without sacrifice.

The Grand Lodge property, (the two lots and stone in the town of Lancaster,) is unsold and unincumbered, and with a prospect of a fair sale during the succeeding year, (though at a greatly reduced price from first cost.) It is believed that the debt payable at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge will be paid. The undersigned would remark that repeated exertions were used, both privately and publicly, to sell the stone and lots, but no price whatever, in money, was offered. They were finally advertised for sale at public auction; but on the day appointed the undersigned was at Medina, where he had unexpectedly been called to attend the Supreme Court, and the other members of the committee not being able to attend, no offer was made. It is believed, however, for the reason before stated, the Grand Lodge will be a gainer by the delay.

Brother Ransom and the undersigned went to Lancaster, and, in person, examined into the claims and evidences of debt, some of which, stated in the last year's report of the debts, were invalid and not allowed; some were reduced in amount, while others were somewhat above the estimate, owing to the increase of cost and interest. But, on the whole, there has been a saving to the Grand Lodge of from two to three hundred dollars.

The balance due from Brother Jno. G. Willock, our Grand Treasurer, was settled by vouchers for debts paid, inclusive of payments on lawful claims made while the committee was in Lancaster.

Thus, his whole liability at the close of the last session of the Grand Lodge, was		$2,531 08
He retained, in cash, with the pay roll, to pay the amount of the same	$1,046 16	
And he paid, per vouchers taken up, and receipted to him by the committee	1,049 11	
Ditto balance	435 81	
		$2,531 08

THE DEBTS THUS PAID AND VOUCHERS HEREWITH RETURNED.

Amount to	C. Scott	$106 50
"	W. B. Hubbard	8 00
"	J. A. Roof	10 00
"	J. D. Caldwell	223 25
"	Geo. W. Claspill	15 00
"	same	15 00
"	W. B. Hubbard, per diem	3 00

Amount to W. B. Thrall	31 00	
" Witness, F. Widekin	10 00	
" Counterfeit bank note	5 00	
		$526 75
State, county and corporation taxes		18 66
Judgment vs. Thrall and others, in full, [work on Grand Lodge Hall,]		68 53
L. J. Mœler, printing bill, (old)		86 89
Blair & Kinkead, in full		348 28
		$1,048 11
Pay roll as above, considered as paid		1,046 16
Paid on prin. and costs, judgment Green vs. Grand Lodge		435 81
As before		$2,531 08

The amount of principal and interest paid the 28th December, by the committee, in full, of the Green judgment, was	$1,068 37
Of which was paid by the undersigned	668 13

The voucher and receipt, in full, is herewith filed, marked (A.)

The agreement of Jacob Green (in whom is the fee of the Grand Lodge lots) to convey the same to such person, free of expense, as the agents of the Grand Lodge may designate, is herewith filed, marked (B.)

The amount of certificates or bonds issued, and payable at this communication, with interest from the respective dates at which they were issued, and a schedule of which is herewith attached, as part of this report, marked (C.), is	$908 38
The amount of the funded debt, redeemable at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, and which includes a portion of the new loan, as well as the old debts to subordinate Lodges, is	1,963 04
Gross amount of funded debt and bonds	$2,871 42

A schedule of which funded debt is herewith attached, as part of this report, marked (D.)

Gross amount of funded debt and bonds, as before stated		$2,871 42
To the funded debt should be added—Due Amity Lodge No 5		4 50
Interest on the same, accruing for the year past	27	
The interest payable on the bonds due at this session is	$ 47 23	
The interest on the funded debt now due is	117 78	
		165 28
Total debt		$3,041 20

For the above $4.50, due Amity Lodge, a Grand Lodge certificate of indebtedness should be issued, having heretofore been accidentally omitted.

Amount of cash received by committee from all sources, per voucher No. 1	$988 38
Amount of cash paid for debts of Grand Lodge, and inclusive of expenses of select committee except printing, per same voucher	815 37
Showing a balance in the hands of the committee of	$173 01

The undersigned has had presented to him recently, and since the examination of affairs at Lancaster, a claim by our venerable Brother Barney for $15.70, evidenced by a paper signed by Brother J. D. Caldwell, late Grand Secretary. This paper is without date, and is but a reference to a report of committee on accounts. No item of the kind being on the printed journals of last session, and the pay-roll not being printed, and the Treasurer's books, inclusive of such pay-roll, not being accessible to the undersigned, he knows not whether it is on the late pay-roll, or to what year it belongs. If it is an allowance of last year, the money is probably in the hands of the late Treasurer. This therefore is specially reported, and herewith filed, marked (2.)

During the past season, the Grand Master officially communicated to the undersigned the supposed claim of this Grand Lodge to property of considerable value near Perrysburgh. As it was late when this was received, and as it is of a nature requiring investigation by a suitable person in Perrysburgh or Maumee, the committee did not make any progress in investigating the same. The letter referred to is dated 26th February, 1845, and is in the bundle of correspondence.

The undersigned herewith reports and submits to the Grand Lodge, the unused bonds or certificates, payable, principal and interest, on the third Tuesday of October, 1845, to the number of 90, of which two are imperfect; and bonds or certificates of funded debt, to the number of 112, of which seven are unsigned and imperfect. All these are signed by the Grand Master and by the Grand Secretary, and with the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed, name and amounts in blank, and requiring also to be countersigned.

In the bundle of letters are also divers vouchers and other papers, important to be preserved. Amongst these are eight certificates of the funded debt, amounting to $1,394.29; being the original debt to Lancaster Lodge, canceled and paid off by new certificates, issued to its assignees under an official request, (per voucher No. 3.)

The undersigned also submits herewith one bound volume, containing a copy of all the official letters, resolutions, actings and doings of the committee; which volume is labeled, in gilt letters, "Grand Lodge of Ohio." Also a bound volume, not labeled, containing a record and account of all bonds and certificates issued by the undersigned for the committee and Grand Lodge, containing the numbers of each, the amount, when payable, to whom, and from what period bearing interest; and lastly, a bundle of letters received by the undersigned while transacting this official business.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Hubbard, *Chairman.*

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws, and record of *Cincinnati Lodge*, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The special committee to whom was referred the Dispensation, By-Laws and Proceedings of Cincinnati Lodge No. —, held at the city of Cincinnati, have carefully examined the same, and find them, in all respects, in accordance with the Constitutions of our Order, and the requirements of the Grand Lodge. The By-Laws and proceedings of this Lodge meet with the decided approbation of your committee, and are worthy of the highest commendation. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Cincinnati Lodge No. —, and that the officers of said Lodge be admitted members of the Grand Lodge at its present session.

All which is respectfully submitted,

B. F. Smith,
G. D. Palmer,
S. Hemphill,
Kent Jarvis.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which, on motion of Brother *Hubbard*, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom were referred the Dispensations, By-Laws and Proceedings of Amity Lodge No. —, held at Jackson, in Jackson county; Sparta Lodge, held at Millersburgh, in Holmes county; Vinton Lodge, held at Vinton, in Gallia county; Rising Sun Lodge, held at Ashtabula, in Ashtabula county; — find their proceedings to be regular, and in conformity with the regulations and requirements of the Grand Lodge.

The committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Union Lodge, held at Wellington, in Lorain county, and recommend to said Lodge to strike out the 21st article of their By-Laws. Their proceedings have met the approbation of your committee.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to Amity Lodge No. —, Sparta Lodge No. —, Vinton Lodge No. —, Rising Sun Lodge No. 22, and Union Lodge No. —.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Samuel Reed,
S. Hemphill,
Kent Jarvis.

The committee further report, that they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Tuscarawas Lodge, at Dover, in Tuscarawas county, and find them to be in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee are informed by the delegate, Brother Warner, that he is not prepared to pay the dues, and that the members are desirous of resuscitating the powers of the old charter of New Philadelphia Lodge, and that the fee deposited for the dispensation be refunded, which will enable them to pay the dues. This application is based upon the following resolution of said Lodge, adopted February 16, 1828, to wit:

"*Resolved,* That this Lodge do now adjourn, and stand adjourned, until convened by the order of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio; and that the Secretary of this Lodge communicate this resolution to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge."

This resolution was communicated to the Grand Secretary, and the Lodge has never been required by the Grand Master to resume its labors. They were driven from the field by the intolerant spirit of anti-Masonry — their charter and jewels stolen — themselves persecuted and denounced. They bore the blast with patience and firmness, and have since recovered their jewels. The sound of the gavel is again heard, and the ancient and honorable institution is again performing its office. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the brethren of Tuscarawas Lodge No. —, be permitted to resume labor, under the charter of New Philadelphia Lodge No. 59, and that the fee of fifty dollars, deposited for dispensation, be refunded.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL REED,
S. HEMPHILL,
KENT JARVIS.

On motion of Brother *Fielding*, the resolution heretofore laid on the table in reference to Temperance Lodge, was taken up and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The M. W. Grand Master presented and read the following communication, from the R. W. Deputy Grand Master:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

During the past year, in the discharge of the duties allotted to me, I have granted a dispensation for the establishment of a new Lodge in the county of Preble.

Having nothing further to report in relation to my official functions, I beg to submit this as one in full, and at the same time to tender my acknowledgments to the brethren for the honor they have heretofore conferred upon me, in appointing me to the highly honorable post of Deputy Grand Master; and, in doing so, to ask them most kindly to excuse me from being considered as a candidate for reëlection. I had ardently hoped, however, to have been with you at your present communication, but circumstances beyond my control have interfered to prevent me. I beg of you to accept my most sincere wishes and regards for your health and happiness.

I have the honor to be,

Fraternally, yours, &c.,

D. T. DISNEY.

P. S. I hand herewith fifty dollars to our Brother Grand Treasurer.

Brother *Dougherty* charged, with presenting the claim of Lancaster Lodge against the Grand Lodge, presented the following preamble and resolutions of Lancaster Lodge, which, on motion, were referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

Whereas, the Worshipful Master of this Lodge was appointed, at the regular communication of February 4, 1844, to settle our claims against the Grand Lodge, growing out of the advances of Lancaster Lodge towards the erection of the Grand Lodge Hall in this place, and the abandonment of that enterprise by the Grand Lodge; and has made a final report of his proceedings in the premises, by which, and his former report on the same subject, the following facts are shown:

Lancaster Lodge has advanced to the Grand Lodge, for the above object, in the sums and at the times specified in the statement hereunto annexed, marked "Exhibit A.," the total sum of $1,394 29, which we are entitled to have refunded, together with interest on the several items from their respective dates, amounting, on the 23d of October, 1844, to $279 96, and making the whole amount, then due, $1,674 25. When the Worshipful Master presented this claim, duly certified by this Lodge, to the select committee of the Grand Lodge, which was charged with the settlement of claims against that body, that committee allowed, and were willing to settle, the principal sum, by giving Grand Lodge bonds for it, but declined allowing the interest above claimed — $279 96. It was, thereupon agreed between the Worshipful Master, as the agent of this Lodge, and said select committee, that Grand Lodge bonds should be issued for the principal sum, which was accordingly done ; and that the question of the allowance of the claim for interest should be referred to the Grand Lodge, at its next communication. This agreement is hereto attached, marked "Exhibit B." $795 39 of the claims included in said principal sum, have been assigned to Brother John G. Willock, (who received $800 of the above bonds, paying the difference — $4 61 — to this Lodge,) and he is therefore entitled to the interest on the claims so assigned to him — being $126 79 of the above $ 279 96 — and leaving due to the Lodge proper the balance of that amount, ($153 17,) as designated in the statement before referred to. *Therefore*,

Resolved, That the acts and proceedings of the Worshipful Master, in the premises, be, and they are hereby approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master, as our representative in the Grand Lodge at its next grand communication, be instructed to urge on that body the allowance and payment of our said claim for interest.

Resolved, That this Lodge having fully complied with its pledge to the Grand Lodge, with reference to Grand Lodge Hall Fund, by contributing more than our proportion, under that pledge, of the money invested in the attempt to erect the Grand Lodge Hall in this place, the failure of that enterprise was a result with which we had nothing to do : that our advances towards that object were made on the faith that the Grand Lodge would complete the undertaking, and that the subsequent entire abandonment of the work by the Grand Lodge makes it clearly incumbent on that body to place us in the same position we were before our advances were made, which only can be done by repaying the money by us expended, with interest on the same from the time of its application to the use of the Grand Lodge ; and that, therefore, whatever was the reason of the select committee's non-allowance of our claim for interest, we cannot suppose that the Grand Lodge will dispute the justice or reasonableness of that claim, nor hesitate for a moment to render to us what is so clearly right and just.

Resolved, That, in the adjustment of said claim, the Grand Lodge be requested to pay $126 79, with interest from October 23, 1844, to Brother John G. Willock — that being the amount arising on claims which have been assigned to him — and the balance $153 17, with interest from the same time, to our said representative, who is hereby fully authorized to receive and receipt for the same ; or, in case the Grand Lodge cannot pay the same, then, to receive therefor a bond or bonds, in his name, as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, and in such amounts as he may direct.

I, John B. Reed, Secretary of Lancaster Lodge No. 57, do hereby certify that the foregoing preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted by said Lodge, at the adjourned communication, held on the evening of Saturday, October 18th, A. D. 1845 — A. L. 5845.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Lodge, this 18th day of October, A. D. 1845.

[SEAL.]

JNO. B. REED,
Secretary Lancaster Lodge No. 57.

Brother *Griffith* presented the following petition of Brother Andrew Young, on behalf of the surviving officers and brethren of what formerly was "Northern Light Lodge No. 40," which was referred to a select committee of four, consisting of Brothers Hubbard, Fielding, Copelen and Death:

In behalf of the surviving officers and brethren of what formerly was "Northern Light Lodge No. 40," I herewith submit to the Grand Lodge their Records, Dispensation and Charter, and also the following facts, as grounds upon which the revival of that charter is sought to be obtained from the Grand Lodge.

1st. From its organization until the autumn of 1827, Northern Light Lodge held its regular communications and did its business in due masonic order and form — only admitting exemplary members, and uniformly and punctually paying its dues to the Grand Lodge.

2d. Under the then civil organization, said Lodge was organized and held its meetings in the township of *Perrysburg*, in *Wood* county — but the same location is now *Maumee City*, in *Lucas* county — where several of the last elected officers of said Lodge, and some few of its former members, still continue to reside. Some of its members have been removed by death, and others have taken up their abode under the jurisdiction of other Lodges. Only *one* of their whole number has shown any inimical disposition towards the fraternity.

3d. Among the remaining of the former members are two honorable and exemplary ex-associate and one present associate judge of our county court.

4th. Maumee City is now a flourishing manufacturing town, with much to invite a rapid increase of its enterprising citizens. The present population is about 1,500—among whom are ten worthy citizens who are Master Masons, in good standing, and of good report; and there can be no doubt but that a Lodge there, duly organized, would be properly conducted and do a good business.

5th. In the time of the existence and operations of Northern Light Lodge, a worthy and devoted member thereof, (since deceased,) verbally devised one-third of all his estate, after paying his debts, to said Northern Light Lodge. That devise is now worth at least one hundred, and possibly three hundred dollars; but the estate was never fully settled, and probably never will be, until after the (at present) defunct charter of Northern Light Lodge shall have been revived. Neither the *fee* nor the *possession* of any part of the property, was ever fully acquired by the Lodge and its equitable rights, in accordance with the declared intentions of the devisor, can inure to that Lodge only.

The foregoing is briefly, a statement of the leading and prominent facts, which, in behalf of the Masonic brethren, Master Masons of Maumee City and its vicinity, I would most respectfully, but earnestly beg the Grand Lodge to consider, and make such a disposition of as they may deem just and most conducive to the welfare of the fraternity at large.

All which is respectfully submitted by, brethren,

Your sincere brother and obedient servant, ANDREW YOUNG.

COLUMBUS, October 20, 1845.

Master Masons—James Wilkinson, Robert A. Forsythe, Jonathan H. Jerome, Charles C. P. Hunt, William St. Clair, Alexander Anderson, Daniel Williams, ——— Dobbins, Thomas Clark 2d, Andrew Young, Felix Collett, James M. Coffinbury—who would all be within the proper jurisdiction of any Lodge that may soon be established in Maumee City, and for whose respectability and standing, allow me to refer the Grand Lodge to my worthy Brother and Companion, Timothy Griffith, of this city.

A. Y.

Brother *Bishop* offered the following communication from Pickaway Lodge No. 23, which was laid on the table:

At a regular communication of Pickaway Lodge No. 23, held on the 14th day of October, 1845, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the delegation of this Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its approaching grand communication, be instructed to apprise that body that Pickaway Lodge is furnished with a commodious hall and other appropriate and convenient rooms; and that should it be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to hold its next regular communication with us, we tender them the use of our said hall and the hospitality of our town.

I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy. DANIEL BRUNNER, *Secretary*.

Brother *Moore* presented the appeal of John Crane from the decision of Marion Lodge, held at Mt. Pleasant, which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Caldwell* presented the account of Brother G. Steinman, which was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Benjamin* offered the following resolution which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge go into the election of its officers for the ensuing year, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Brother *Beach* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Grievances:

Resolved, That American Union Lodge No. 1, be required to give their reasons for making Masons residing in the village of Plymouth and its vicinity, when Mount Moriah Lodge No. 37, is the nearest Lodge to said village of Plymouth, situated in the same county.

The committee on Charity made the following report, which was agreed to, and the resolution adopted:

The standing committee on Charity have had under consideration the resolution asking a donation from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge for the relief of Brother A.

Montgomery. The committee deem it unnecessary, for the present purpose, to enter into the examination of the merits of the case presented, but will content themselves by stating that it is their opinion that the present condition of the Grand Treasury is such that it would be impolitic for the committee to advise the appropriation asked in the resolution.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to receive the voluntary contributions of members for that purpose.

TIMOTHY GRIFFITH,
JOHN SAYRE,
ISAAC C. COPELEN,
M. S. WILKINSON,
J. MILLER.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Wolfley, Dunn and W. B. Moore said committee.

Brother *Griffith* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its officers this evening at half-past six o'clock.

Brother *Dunn* offered a resolution to renew the charter of American Union Lodge No. 1, which was agreed to.

Brother *Hemphill* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates from Sparta Lodge No. —, Union Lodge No. —, Vinton Lodge No. —, and Rising Sun Lodge No. —, be severally admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, as the representatives of their respective Lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following select committees on portions of the Grand Master's Annual Communication:

In relation to arresting a Charter, and difficulties among Washington Lodge, Mount Zion Lodge, and Somerset Lodge—Brothers A. R. Colwell, Palmer and Benjamin.

On Book of Constitutions—Brothers Porter, Ward and B. F. Smith.

On Uniformity of Work—Brothers Clary, Gates, Benjamin and Draper.

The following resolution, offered by Brother *Caldwell,* was referred to the select committee on the petition of Wood County Lodge:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the select committee on the debts and credits of the Grand Lodge, as relates to the claim of the Grand Lodge to property near Perrysburgh, be referred with the letter of the M. W. Grand Master on that subject, to Brother Andrew Young, as a committee of one, with full power to settle, adjust, or compound said claim, and that he make report of his proceedings to the next grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Keifer,* the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution referred to them, in relation to Temperance Lodge, and that the same be referred to the select committee on the Grand Master's annual communication on the subject of suspended charters.

Brother *Griffith* presented claims in favor of Brother Charles Scott, which were referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Hubbard* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother M. A. Dougherty be and he is hereby appointed a special committee, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, to take possession and charge of the Grand Lodge lots, stone, and any other property, at Lancaster, pay the taxes, and the same to sell for such sum or sums, in hand, and upon such credits, with interest on deferred payments, as, in his discretion, may appear for the interest of this Grand Lodge; and that he report and deliver to Brother W. B. Hubbard, as special committee of the Grand Lodge, from time to time, such sums as he may receive on account thereof; and that he make report of all his proceedings at the next grand communication.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until half-past one o'clock this afternoon.

HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the Grand Lodge formed a procession, and proceeded to Trinity Church, where, after prayer by the Rev. Brother *Dobb*, an eloquent and appropriate oration was delivered by the Grand Orator, the Rev. Brother *Erastus Burr*.

The Grand Lodge having returned to its hall, and resumed labor, Brother *Hildreth* offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, laid upon the table:

Resolved, That it is improper for a subordinate Lodge to reconsider a balloting for a candidate when the same contains a black ball.

Brother *Caldwell* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a voluntary contribution of twenty dollars be taken up in favor of Brother A. Montgomery.

The committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was referred to the committee on Accounts:

The committee on Unfinished Business have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully report, that upon examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its last grand communication, they find the following resolutions:

First, on page 23—

"*Resolved*, That Marion Lodge No. 70, have further time, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, to pay the residue on jewels sold to them by this Grand Lodge."

Second, on page 25—

"*Resolved*, That Salem Lodge No. 87, have until the next annual communication to pay for the jewels bought of this Grand Lodge."

Third, on page 37—

"*Resolved*, That Tarlton Lodge No. 104, at Tarlton, be and it is hereby authorized to resume its labors, and that it have until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge for the payment of all dues owing by said Tarlton Lodge, according to the request of their petition.

"*Resolved*, That the books and charter of said Lodge be restored for the present; and that the jewels, having been loaned to said Tarlton Lodge, be and they are hereby retained."

And recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above resolutions be referred to the standing committee on Accounts.

JOHN M. BARRERE,
J. M. ELDER,
J. A. RETTIG,
G. STEINMAN,
ADAM NYE,

The committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was referred to the special committee in relation to Constitutions:

The committee on Unfinished Business further report, that at page 43, of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at its last grand communication, they find the following amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio:

"1st. Strike out, in the third and fourth lines of the 15th Rule, the following words: 'with the unanimous consent thereof,' and insert the words, 'by the recommendation of a majority of the members present, at any regular stated meeting of the Lodge.'

"2d. Strike out the following words, in the fourth and fifth lines of the 15th Rule:

'If there are two or more Lodges in any county, then the candidate must apply to the Lodge nearest his residence.' "

And recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the above amendments be referred to the select committee to whom so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual communication as relates to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was referred.

JOHN M. BARRERE,
J. M. ELDER,
J. A. RETTIG,
G. STEINMAN,
ADAM NYE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now go into an election of its officers for the ensuing year.

Whereupon an election was had, and resulted as follows:

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Circleville, Grand Master.
R. W. M. M. LAUGHLIN, Steubenville, Deputy Grand Master.
" " GEORGE KEIFER, Troy, Grand Senior Warden.
" " JONA. N. BURR, Mt. Vernon, Grand Junior Warden.
" " TIMOTHY GRIFFITH, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " JOHN T. ARTHUR, Zanesville, Grand Secretary.

On motion, the report of the standing committee on Credentials was so amended as to admit Brother B. Stone as a representative to the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Foreign Communications reported, which report was, on motion, laid upon the table.

The standing committee on Grievances made the following reports, which were agreed to:

The standing committee on Grievances to whom was referred the following resolution, viz: "*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire of the representative of Malta Lodge, by what authority said Lodge conferred the degrees of Masonry upon G. W. Potter: also, that said committee inquire of the representative of Corinthian Lodge No. 111, by what authority said Lodge elected two Masters in one year;" report: That they have not been able to ascertain the authority under which said Lodges acted; but your committee will give it as their opinion, that the action of Malta Lodge No. 118, in calling a subsequent meeting for the purpose of reconsidering their vote in the case of G. W. Potter, after the Master had declared him rejected, was a violation of Masonic usages. It is the opinion of your committee that the question of his admission could not again be entertained, except upon a new petition, duly recommended, and in conformity with Article 9th of the Rules and Regulation for the government of the Lodges in Ohio; and in the matter of Corinthian Lodge No. 111, they having, as it appears, elected two Masters in one year, your committee are of opinion that their action was in direct conflict with Article 2d of the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges in Ohio, as well as Sections 3 and 4 of the Ancient Constitutions of Masonry, and in the opinion of your committee, the act can only be excused on the ground of expediency, inasmuch, as, after the removal of the Master from the town in which said Lodge is held, both Wardens absolutely refused to serve in his stead; hence, in order to keep up the succession, it was necessary that a new Master should be elected. It will be seen, therefore, that said Lodge was in an emergency from which it was difficult to extricate itself, inasmuch as they were refused the aid of the Wardens whom they had a right to suppose, from the position they occupied, were necessarily endowed with all the qualifications to fill, with honor and profit, the station of Master.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. VATTIER,
N. H. STARBUCK,
J. S. B. FRAZIER,
A. LUCE,
S. L. SHAW.

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of A. Knowls, from the decision of Union Lodge No. 102, in the matter of certain charges preferred by Hugh McKibben against said Knowls, report:

That the proceedings of the Lodge, in the case aforesaid, have not been in accordance with Masonic law, inasmuch as they have failed in the very essential particular of laying before the Grand Lodge any minutes of the testimony had during the investigation of the case; neither does it appear that any written charges or specifications were made out and filed with the Secretary, as is required by the 23d and 24th Articles of the Rules and Regulations for the government of the subordinate Lodges in Ohio. Your committee, therefore, give it as their opinion, that the action had by said Lodge, during the investigation of the case, is informal, and not in accordance with Masonic usages, and that their proceedings be not confirmed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. Vattier,
N. H. Starbuck,
J. S. B. Frazier,
A. Luce,
S. L. Shaw.

The committee on Grievances to whom was referred the following resolution, viz: "*Resolved*, That American Union Lodge No. 1, be required to give their reasons for making Masons residing in the village of Plymouth and its vicinity, when Mount Moriah Lodge No. 37, is the nearest Lodge to said village of Plymouth, situated in the same county;" report:

That they have had the subject contained in the resolution under consideration, and find that American Union Lodge No. 1, has acted in direct conflict with the 15th article of the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges in Ohio. Your committee, however, believe that American Union Lodge No. 1, proceeded partly from misapprehension, believing, no doubt, that the facilities for traveling were to govern them, instead of a reference to distance. Your committee, however, are of opinion that distance alone should be the rule for the government of Lodges so situated.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. Vattier,
N. H. Starbuck,
J. S. B. Frazier,
A. Luce,
S. L. Shaw.

The committee on Accounts made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the several claims against the Grand Lodge, report in favor of paying the following claims:

To Brother Charles Scott, for printing	$142 24
" " G. Steinman, for sundries, for the use of the Grand Lodge, in 1841 and 1842, in part	12 00
" " Charles Scott, for trimming Grand Lodge Jewels	36 92
" I. N. Whiting & Huntington, for paper per Grand Master	75
Total	$191 91

The committee report adversely to the payment of the claim of Lancaster Lodge, of $279 76, for interest accruing on their advances to the Grand Lodge, prior to October, 1844.

Your committee report back to the Grand Lodge, for their consideration, the report, which was referred to them, of the committee on Unfinished Business.

Your committee would recommend, that, for the payment of the printing bill of Brother Charles Scott, a certificate of indebtedness of the Grand Lodge be issued to him, payable in one year from date, without interest.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Geo. L. Shinnick,
Stephen Clary,
G. H. Stewart,
W. B. Dodds,
Wm. Bishop.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was agreed to, and the resolutions adopted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully report: That they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Libanus Lodge, held at Lewisburgh, Preble county, and find them to be in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. There is a neatness and precision in their records, that has seldom met the eye of your committee.

The committee have also had under consideration the request of Wood County Lodge No. 112, held in Washington township, in said county, to be permitted to remove permanently to Plain township, in said county, if by a vote of the members of said Lodge, such removal would be conducive to the best interests of the Lodge.

The committee have also had under consideration the application of the members of New Richmond Lodge No. 122, Clermont county, to be permitted to remove said Lodge to Moscow, in said county.

Also, the application of Washington Lodge No. 108, in Coshocton county, to locate permanently at West Bedford, in said county.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter be granted to Libanus Lodge No. —, at Lewisburgh, Preble county; and that Brother John Savre be admitted as the representative thereof.

2. That the several requests of Wood County Lodge No. 112, New Richmond Lodge No. 122, and Washington Lodge No. 108, be granted.

The committee further report: That they have examined the amended By-Laws of St. Johns' Lodge No. 13, at Dayton; Goshen Lodge No. 119, at Goshen, Clermont county; Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion county; the *revised* By-Laws of Scioto Lodge No. 6, at Chillicothe; and of Washington Lodge No. 17, at Hamilton; all of which are found to be in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. They would, however, recommend to Washington Lodge No. 17, to strike out the 20th Article of their By-Laws.

The committee have also examined the petition of sundry brethren of Harrisville, praying for a dispensation, and find the same defective, as it is not signed by a constitutional number of Masons, nor does it appear that either of said petitioners is a Past Master, and the same is therefore referred to the Grand Master.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL REED,
KENT JARVIS,
G. D. PALMER,
S. HEMPHILL.

The committee on Grievances, in the case of John Crane, made the following report, which was agreed to, to wit:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred a certain paper, supposed to be the proceedings of Marion Lodge, held at Mount Pleasant, Hamilton county, in the matter of the expulsion of one Crane, together with a certain other paper which your committee suppose to be the petition of said Crane to the Grand Lodge, praying to be reïnstated to membership, report: That they have reason to doubt the authenticity of said documents—inasmuch as the one purporting to be the proceedings of the Lodge, does not come under the hand of the Secretary and under the seal of the Lodge, as is required by the Rules and Regulations for the government of the subordinate Lodges of this state; and the other, supposed to be the petition of said Crane, does not seem to have his signature attached to it. As the documents referred to are entirely without form, and not to be understood, your committee would ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. VATTIER,
N. H. STARBUCK,
J. S. B. FRAZIER,
A. LUCE,
S. L. SHAW.

The committee on Credentials made the following report, which was laid on the table:

The committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the return of Canton Lodge No. 60, made the following report: That the return of Canton Lodge No. 60, to the Grand Lodge, is defective in this: that it is not signed by the Master or attested by the Secretary, and the dues to the Grand Lodge do not accompany the return, nor have they been paid. Your committee therefore beg to be discharged from the further consideration thereof. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. ARTHUR,
JAS. CORNELIUS,
SAMUEL MILLIKAN.

The following report of the select committee to whom was referred the case of Temperance Lodge No. 73, was recommitted to the same committee, with instructions:

The select committee to whom was presented the case of Temperance Lodge No. 73, have had the same under consideration, and from a statement of the facts presented in the case, together with the presentation of the charter of said Lodge, the committee would make the following report: That they are satisfied, first, that the charter has never been surrendered; secondly, that the brethren have acted in good faith in all they have done, and that necessity alone has compelled them to do as they have done; and as they have proceeded to business under the charter, and communicated the same to the Grand Master, it is clear to the committee, that the brethren wished to act openly and fairly in the case. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Temperance Lodge No. 73, be, and the same is, hereby authorized to proceed with her labors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

KENT JARVIS,
N. BENJAMIN.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Master presented communications from the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Texas, which were referred to the committee on Foreign Communications.

Brother *Warner* presented the petition of John Butt, which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Communication as relates to the *Book of Constitutions*, made the following report, which was agreed to:

That, from information obtained, the Book of Constitutions is exhausted. It is desirable that the information therein contained, so indispensable to the Lodges and brethren, be made more accessible, and, to this end, it admits of scarcely a question, that another edition should be brought out. The policy of securing the copy-right of such a work, presents itself to this committee in two aspects: firstly — in view of the correctness and exactitude required in such a work, and which will be best secured under a copy-right; secondly — in view of the value and worth of the copy-right to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge. With the disposition to be made of a copy-right, if it be considered by the Grand Lodge expedient to secure one, this committee have nothing at present to do. It cannot be doubted, however, that it might be disposed of, if thought

advisable, to profitable account. If it be thought more advisable to retain said copyright, its use for the issue of each edition, as from time to time such editions may be required, will probably secure to the Grand Lodge, per consideration, all the copies that it may require in its organized capacity — leaving to the brethren the prospect in the premises, that the work may be placed within their reach, on the booksellers' shelves. The committee submit the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required to prepare, under the supervision of the M. W. Grand Master, the Book of Constitutions, including all our Ancient Charges, and such other matters as to the M. W. Grand Master may seem meet, and cause an edition of the same to be published, in convenient form; and have so many of the same substantially bound as may be sufficient to furnish every subordinate Lodge, under this jurisdiction, with one copy.

Resolved, That ——— dollars, now in the treasury and not otherwise appropriated, are hereby appropriated and set apart for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect.

James H. C. Miller,
Jonas Ward,
Benj. F. Smith.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the M. W. Grand Master, together with Brothers Andrew Young and Timothy Griffith, be hereby constituted a committee fully authorized to consider and determine the propriety of renewing the charter of Northern Light Lodge No. 40; and should that committee deem it expedient to revive said charter, that, thereupon, the M. W. Grand Master shall be authorized to revive said charter, by causing the Grand Secretary to make out a new copy of said charter, and duly certify its renewal; and make due report of their proceedings, in the premises, to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The committee on Accounts submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the account of the Grand Secretary, for postage, books, stationery, etc., for the use of the Grand Lodge, as per bill and voucher, amounting to $12, report: that they have examined the same, and find it correct, and recommend that he have an order on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

George L. Shinnick,
Stephen Clary,
W. B. Dodds,
Wm. Bishop,
G. H. Stewart.

On motion of Brother *Weyer*, the Grand Lodge went into the installation of its officers elect for the ensuing year.

Brother *Caldwell* offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the select committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge, be authorized to issue certificates or bonds, when in its discretion, it may be right, and for the interest of the Grand Lodge; and, in order to meet and adjust the debts heretofore arranged, or pledged to be paid at this session, all the funds of the Grand Lodge — first deducting the amount of the pay-roll — be placed in its hands for that purpose.

On motion of Brother *Galliher*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Salem Lodge No. 87, have sixty days, from the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, for the payment for the Jewels heretofore purchased from the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Jarvis*, from the select committee to whom was re-committed the report of the same committee in relation to Temperance Lodge No. 73, with instructions, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee, to whom was re-committed their report in the case of Temperance Lodge No. 73, now report agreeably to instructions:

That Temperance Lodge No. 73, be, and the same is hereby authorized to pursue its

labors, by the payment of dues since the expiration of the time specified in the resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed in 1842; and the proceedings of said Lodge are hereby sanctioned. Respectfully submitted.

KENT JARVIS,
N. BENJAMIN.

Brother *Fielding's* resolutions, tendering the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Orator, and to the Vestry, Wardens, and Choir of Trinity Church, were, on motion, referred to the following committee, to wit: Brothers Hubbard, Loveland and Draper.

Brother *Strickland* offered the following resolution in relation to the "Masonic Review," which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend the "Masonic Review," published at Cincinnati, and edited by Brother C. Moore, to the patronage of the fraternity throughout the state.

Brother *Clary,* from the select committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to *Uniformity of Work,* made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to Uniformity of Work, beg leave to report:

Your committee are informed, by the communication referred to, that in the year 1843, a convocation of the representatives of sixteen Grand Lodges convened at the city of Baltimore, for the purpose of agreeing upon a uniform mode of work. This Grand Lodge was ably represented by our venerable brother, John Barney, who, after his return, visited several of the subordinate Lodges, and conferred upon them the mode of work as adopted by said convocation. Your committee also learn, by the M. W. Grand Master's communication, that he is informed by Brother Carnegy, of Missouri, who was also a delegate, that the mode of work as instructed by Brother Reed, our present Grand Lecturer, corresponds in all essential particulars with that agreed upon by the convocation. Your committee, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That those subordinate Lodges who have not heretofore availed themselves of the instructions of Brother John Barney, since his return from the Baltimore convocation of 1843, and who have not heretofore been visited by our present Grand Lecturer, be requested to avail themselves of his services at their earliest convenience, in order that the desideratum of Uniformity of Work may be attained.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. CLARY,
JAMES GATES,
GEO. KEIFER.

Brother *Griffith* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Officers in attendance, who are required to be present, are entitled to their mileage and per diem fees as other delegates, and that the committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to enter their names accordingly.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, October 24, 1845.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The following resolution, offered by Brother *Howard,* was, on motion, laid upon the table:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be placed in the hands of Brother Charles Scott for publication, and he be requested to publish them forthwith.

The committee on Foreign Communications made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Foreign Communications, to whom was referred the communication of the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Texas, beg leave to report, that the Grand Lodge of Ohio cordially greet the Grand Lodge of Texas, and will reciprocate with her in kind offices of love and affection.

As the Grand Lodge of Ohio have not sanctioned the representative system, as proposed and adopted by some of the Grand Lodges, your committee deem it inexpedient, at this late hour of the present communication, to recommend any measures involving the merits or demerits of that system.

Should the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas deem it expedient for her interest, or for the interest of the craft in general, to establish a correspondent within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, we would recommend to her our true and faithful brother, William B. Hubbard, as worthy of her confidence and esteem.

JOSEPH HILDRETH,
JONA. N. BURR,
HUGH TREVOR,
ABSALOM DEATH.

The standing committee on Pay Roll made report, which was agreed to, amounting to the sum of $1164.79.

Brother *Griffith* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to resuscitating suspended Lodges, be referred to a select committee of three.

Brothers Griffith, Laughlin and Jones were appointed said committee.

Brother *Miller*, from the committee to whom was referred certain proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio, made the following report, which was indefinitely postponed:

The committee, to whom was referred certain proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio, have had the same under consideration, and report, that the restriction contemplated in the third and fourth lines of the 15th Rule, embodied in the words, "with the unanimous recommendation thereof," is, in the opinion of your committee, too harsh and too unqualified, and should be amended. Cases are continually arising where it is expedient and proper, for unanswerable reasons, that the applications of candidates should be entertained, in contravention of the principle of this restriction; and subordinate Lodges are only prevented by the Rule itself. It is contemplated, by the proposed amendment, to strike out the words quoted and insert, instead, the words "by the recommendation of a majority of the members present, at any regular stated meeting of the Lodge." This amendment, in the opinion of your committee, is reasonable, and they recommend its adoption.

The second amendment proposed is, to strike out the following words, in the fourth and fifth lines of the 15th Rule: "If there be two or more Lodges in any county, then the candidate must apply to the Lodge nearest his residence." The committee conceive that the principal object of the Rule must originally have been to secure full knowledge of the qualifications of candidates, by making it necessary that they should be made Masons among those best acquainted with them as men. But our counties are not so large that this end may not be attained without the restraining clause. It has been suggested, that harmony among the Lodges seemed to require that they should not interfere in one another's districts. Courtesy, kindness and forbearance have been feebly taught in our Lodges, if such a rule be necessary on that account. Your committee recommend that the words be stricken out.

In this connection your committee beg leave to remark, that the proposed amendment, prohibiting a person living in one county from being initiated in another, and which was referred to this committee, is sufficiently reported on in the views expressed in the two foregoing propositions; and from the further consideration of which they ask to be discharged.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. C. MILLER, *Chairman.*

Brother *Jarvis*, from a select committee, reported as follows, which was agreed to:

The select committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to arrested Charters, etc., beg leave to report:

That they have examined the several papers submitted to them, relative to Newark Lodge, Somerset Lodge, Mt. Zion Lodge, and Washington Lodge, and are unanimously of the opinion that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, and of the Grand Lecturer as his proxy, have been not only judicious, but in strict accordance with the Constitution and requirements of the Grand Lodge, and that further action in the same is not required. The committee, therefore, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge cordially approve the action of the M. W. Grand Master, and of the Grand Lecturer as his proxy, relative to the Lodges above named.

Your committee further report, that they have examined the correspondence of the Worshipful Master of Batavia Lodge No. 107, with the M. W. Grand Master, and the paper accompanying the same, and are of opinion that the same should be referred back to the M. W. Grand Master, for such further action as he may deem proper; and offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge approve the action of the M. W. Grand Master, relative to Batavia Lodge No. 109; and that the correspondence and paper relating to the same, be and are hereby referred back to the M. W. Grand Master, for such further action as he may deem proper.

All which is respectfully submitted,

KENT JARVIS,
G. D. PALMER,
N. BENJAMIN.

The committee on Grievances made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the petition of John Butt, complaining of the action of Lodge No. —, held at Dover, Tuscarawas county, report, that it is the opinion of your committee the matter complained of is entirely within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, and that there is nothing contained in said petition requiring the action of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. L. VATTIER,
N. H. STARBUCK,
J. S. B. FRAZIER,
A. LUCE,
S. L. SHAW.

Brother *Hubbard* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the select committee, charged with the sale of the Grand Lodge lots, be instructed to demand and receive of Brother John G. Willock the amount for which he has sold some of the stone belonging to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Raleigh*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have six hundred copies of the proceedings of the grand communication printed as soon as practicable, and forward one copy each to the foreign Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and the several Grand Lodges in the United States; one copy to each member in attendance, and three copies to each subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.

The following resolution, offered by Brother *S. Reed*, was referred to the committee on Ways and Means:

Resolved, That the fee for dispensation, paid to the M. W. Grand Master, by Rising Sun Lodge, in Ashtabula county, be refunded.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to resuscitating suspended Lodges, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to resuscitating suspended Lodges, have attended to the duty assigned them, and find, by an inspection of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, that the matter referred to them is fully provided for; and if an adherence is had to the 20th section of said Constitution, and to the 4th section of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, no difficulty or injustice can be done to any suspended Lodge desiring to resume its labors, and making application to the Grand Lodge for that purpose. The committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That henceforward, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be strictly adhered to in relation to resuscitating suspended Lodges.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. K. Smith,
Wilmeth Jones,
M. M. Laughlin.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was agreed to and the resolution adopted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the name of New Richmond Lodge be changed to that of Washington Lodge.

Samuel Reed,
Kent Jarvis.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Two o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Jarvis* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Canton Lodge No. 60, have sixty days after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge to pay to the Grand Secretary the balance of its Grand Lodge dues.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, occupying the chair, announced the following communication from the M. W. Grand Master.

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

I hereby nominate the following brethren to sustain the offices affixed to their names respectively, viz:

R. W. Erastus Burr, Portsmouth, Grand Chaplain.
" " William P. Strickland, Cincinnati, Grand Orator.
" " Samuel Reed, Cincinnati Grand Lecturer
" " Abraham Bartol, Columbus, Grand Marshal.
" " Kent Jarvis, Massillon, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Miles J. Tiernan, Carrolton, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " John Sayre, Dayton, Grand Tyler.

W. B. Thrall, *Grand Master.*

Which nominations being severally considered, were unanimously confirmed.

Brother *Reed* submitted the following questions, which were referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Brothers Shinnick, Vattier and Keifer, viz:

Question No. 1. Should a member of a subordinate Lodge commit a flagrant outrage against the peace and dignity of said Lodge, has he a right to claim the ten days notice, as prescribed by the By-Laws of said Lodge?

Question No. 2. When the Master or Secretary of a subordinate Lodge, for greater safety, deposits the charter or dispensation in an iron safe, without the Lodge, yet within its reach at all times, does such deposit vitiate the legal existence of such Lodge?

On motion of Brother *Sayre*, the report of the committee on Foreign Communications, heretofore laid upon the table, was taken up, and the report agreed to, as follows:

The committee on Foreign Communications report, that since the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, there have been received printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, viz: Rhode Island, New York, North Carolina, Maryland, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Florida, Texas, Kentucky and Iowa. We miss from our files the usual annual communications of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Virginia, Louisiana, and sundry others, to which we have been want to look for matters interesting to the Craft. The want of these latter exhibits a sad deficiency in our Masonic intercommunications with our sister Grand Lodges, with whom we have been accustomed to interchange fraternal salutations; a deficiency unfortunate for ourselves, the recurrence of which should be guarded against for the future by the application of all the appropriate means within our reach. We are ourselves probably responsible, in a great measure, for the discontinuance of the usual official courtesies with our sister Grand Lodges, and it has come upon us imperceptibly, and without design. We account for this delinquency, in part, from the manner in which the duty in maintaining such correspondence has been divided between the Grand Secretary and the committee charged with the distribution of the printed journal of the proceedings of our annual communications. This division of the labor, as well as of the responsibility, may probably have led to an omission, on our part, to send our annual minutes to those bodies, and have thus furnished a reason for their not forwarding to us a copy of theirs. Every means in our power should be used to remedy this evil, and we think it might be done by its being made the special duty of some one individual to forward to each of the Grand Lodges in communication with this Grand Lodge, a copy of our printed journal, as soon as the same shall be published.

It would be utterly impracticable to embrace within the reasonable limits of a report, more than a rapid glance at the prominent features of the various topics of interest, to be found in what is technically denominated our "foreign correspondence;" yet, without some such notice, the Craft of our jurisdiction would have no means of knowing aught of the spirit which animates their brethren of other portions of our common country.

To begin, then, with Rhode Island: We are struck with the small number of Lodges represented in the Grand Lodge of this state. At two annual, and several quarterly communications, the greatest number of Lodges represented was eight—the usual number not exceeding four; which, however, may be accounted for, in some degree, from their limited territory when compared to many other states; yet, notwithstanding the smallness of their number, they seem impressed with the important truth, that "the strength of a Lodge does not consist in the number, but *quality*, of its membership:" for they are, with almost heroic courage, dealing out even-handed justice to no less

than eight delinquent Lodges under their jurisdiction. We exhort our brethren to persevere in the wholesome exercise of Masonic discipline, until they shall have eradicated every irregularity within their borders; ever bearing in mind that "truth is mighty and will prevail;" and that it is not from enemies without, we have to fear, but from the members of our own household; and we have every confidence in the competency of our brethren of Rhode Island to renovate and revivify the Order within that state. That was the land of our beloved and lamented WEBB, and the theatre of most of his Masonic labors. We observe among our brethren there, as well as elsewhere, a great anxiety to ascertain what is the correct Masonic Work. This we deem to be laudable; and we hope our brethren throughout the Masonic world, will persevere in their efforts to find out the ancient landmarks of the Order, (if they are not already in their possession.) And, if we are not much mistaken, after making diligent search, we think they will find the Work to vary but little from that taught by the illustrious individual above named. Brother Webb, for the few last years of his life, resided among us, where he taught the truths inculcated in our Masonic institution; and, although deposited in earthen vessels, yet we hope and trust they have not been entirely lost, but have remained "in the repository of faithful breasts," ever ready to be communicated to those who shall be found *worthy.*

We come, next in course, to the Grand Lodge of New York, to whose transactions we always look with interest. Their position and extended empire, not to forget the extensive and Masonic skill of the brotherhood comprising that body, all conspire to impart to their transactions a lively interest. Yet, we cannot but regret to find in her, (as we think,) an almost overweening anxiety to assume a dictatorial style, which we believe unbecoming the Order of Masonry. In her language to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in speaking of a grave and important question decided by that body, in relation to the mental and physical qualifications of a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry, our brethren of New York say to those of Tennessee — "We boldly and unequivocally tell them they are wrong." This, we think, to say the least of it, is discourteous. There appears to be more of "boldness" than reason and comity in this diction. It does not seem like "reminding our brethren, in the most friendly manner, of their faults, and thus aiding their reformation," but seems to assume a spirit of superiority seldom tolerated, and more calculated to wound, than to heal the infirmities of our brethren. It is said that "soft words turn away wrath;" we hope, therefore, if our brethren of New York have wounded the feelings of their brethren of Tennessee, that they will endeavor to heal the wound by pouring in "*Oil and Wine.*"

Again, speaking of and to "the young Lodge of Arkansas," our brethren of New York, say: "Our young sister may look with confidence to this Grand Lodge for every source of information. We are pleased to convey light and knowledge to the fraternity of the United States, and our labors are those of love, not grudgingly bestowed, but with a bounteous hand; and it is our pride and glory, that we have given a stimulus to the whole craft, that has aroused their dormant energies, and awakened them to a sense of their true position."

We apprehend that the *great light of Masonry* burnt but dimly upon their altar, when our brethren of New York sent forth to the Masonic world the passage above quoted. Had it been otherwise, they could not have been found boasting of their charities, but would have learned from that great light, that, "when thou dost thine *alms*, let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doth." Is it indeed not so, that "Charity seeketh not her own — vaunteth not itself — is not puffed up — doth behave itself unseemly?"

In reference to certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, our brethren of New York take upon themselves to say: "It would seem that the Grand Lodge of Georgia has a constitutional provision against the making of Masons in Lodges out of the jurisdiction of the candidate, and, *therefore, the Grand Lodge undoubtedly acted wrong* in rejecting the resolution." It is this summary mode of disposing of the deliberate acts of sister Grand Lodges — and, so far as she has the power, *reversing* their decisions — that strikes us as the prominent feature of the last annual communication of the

Grand Lodge of New York. We regret to observe this growing disposition on the part of that Grand Lodge, and advert to it for the purpose of interposing our solemn remonstrance against the continuance of a practice which can result in no possible good, but menaces much evil to the harmony of our widely extended institution. Each and every Grand Lodge in the United States is *equal* with that of New York — a sovereign and independent body within its own Masonic limits; and the Grand Lodge of New York possesses no appellate jurisdiction from the decisions of any one of them. What would the Grand Lodge of New York think, should their brethren of Tennessee say of *them*, "We boldly and unequivocally tell them they are wrong ?" Such denunciation comes with no better grace from the one than it would from the other.

Our brethren of the Grand Lodge of New York forget that there are, in other States, Masons as old, as experienced, and as competent to judge of Masonic jurisprudence, as any, even the most cherished, of her own members; and while we accord to her the advantages of seniority, and comparative proximity to our more eastern brethren, we claim to stand upon a common platform; and that platform a level of the most perfect equality.

Our brethren of Maryland, North Carolina, Michigan, Mississippi, Iowa, Wisconsin, Florida and Texas, all seem to be pursuing the "even tenor of their way." Although many things of interest are found interspersed through the pages of the journals of their several Grand Lodges, they seem, for the most part, more particularly to appertain to their own internal polity, than to subjects of general applicability. The limited time allowed to your committee, will not permit them to go into detail; but there are a few things which are of too general interest, to be passed over in silence.

We learn from a quotation of the committee on Foreign Communications of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, relative to an action of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg as to the propriety of communicating the G. H. S. in the first degree of Masonry, which, it appears from the quotation above alluded to, was determined by that Grand Lodge, should, in future, be communicated in the first degree. We had not supposed that a question existed upon this point, but that the uniform practice of many centuries was conclusive thereon.

A practice, it seems, has prevailed within the limits of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, of conferring the degree of Past Master, indiscriminately, on all Master Masons. We know not from whence the Lodges of that State derive their authority for such a practice — we think not from the Grand Lodge, for we know of no authority by which *that* body can, rightfully, exercise such jurisdiction. With due respect for the brethren of that ancient and truly honorable body, we cannot but regard the practice as an innovation upon the long established and well defined landmarks of our Order; a practice "more honored in the breach than in the observance."

Some complaint is made of the delinquencies of the Grand Officers of some of the Grand Lodges, entrusted with the funds placed in their hands; which should be a warning to all Grand as well as subordinate Lodges, and induce them to use every precaution in their power, to prevent like occurrences in their own bodies.

In looking over the journal of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, we are struck with the system and order which characterize that document—being a complete system of the history of Masonry within that state for the past year; and the report of the committee on Foreign Communications, therein contained, is the most perfect and best arranged of anything of the kind which has fallen under our notice—embodying, as it does, a Masonic census of twenty of the Grand Lodges in the United States; from which it appears there are, in those twenty states, eleven hundred and six Lodges, and, estimating each Lodge to contain twenty member, would make the number of active members in those states to be twenty-one thousand nine hundred and eighty.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky have but lately come to hand. They show the craft of that state to be in a sound and flourishing condition. There appear to be under the jurisdiction of that Grand Lodge, one hundred and thirty-one chartered Lodges, and nine working under dispensation. Among other subjects of high importance acted upon in that body, at their last regular communication, is the subject

of Education. They seem to have been, for some time, struggling to complete and carry out a system of education, destined to operate on the moral character and standing of the fraternity in that state. Your committee forbear to enter into a detail of the plan adopted by our brethren of Kentucky, for establishing a system of education; suffice it to say, that the committee, in their report on that subject, say that its success is certain. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky appears highly impressed with the necessity of keeping a strict watch of, and of extending their guardian care over the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, by carefully examining their work and closely inspecting their records—an example worthy our imitation. And we will remark, in conclusion, that there is manifested a great anxiety among all the Grand Lodges in communication with us, that not only a reciprocity of action, but that union, kindness and condescension, may characterize the deliberations of those highly respectable bodies; and that, through them, *light* and *knowledge* may be disseminated to the subordinate Lodges under their respective jurisdictions, and from thence to every member of the Masonic family. To this end, various plans have been proposed by the different Masonic bodies, as well as individuals, for the purpose of effecting, as far as possible, a Uniformity of Work throughout the Masonic world, as well as a uniformity of action and feeling. So far, however, each proposition has been found exceptionable, and every effort, to a greater or less extent, unavailing—insomuch that the deliberations of some of our Grand Lodges, upon this important subject, have almost ceased. This we are sorry to find; and we say to our Masonic friends generally, "Don't give up the ship." Let your exertions be increased in proportion to the difficulties you have to overcome—for, be assured, that unity of feeling can never exist unless there be, in some degree, a unity of action. Let every member exert himself, to the utmost of his power, to hasten the happy period when the sound of axe, hammer, nor any tool of *iron*, shall be heard upon our Masonic building.

Your committee do not deem it necessary, (and, indeed, time and opportunity will not allow them,) to enter into a detail of the various systems or plans, suggested, to accomplish the objects above alluded to. The plan of sending a delegate to Europe, as suggested by some, for the purpose of obtaining Masonic information, your committee deem, at least, of doubtful utility. We think that nothing short of a general meeting of delegates from the different Powers of the world, will ever effect the object proposed; and even this would be doubtful, if we take for example the meeting of delegates at Baltimore, in May, 1842. After that meeting it was supposed we should have a system of work which would serve as a nucleus around which we could all rally. But lo and behold! in the short space of about two years and a half the work is lost—or, if not lost, we know not where it is—for each of the representatives to that convention claims to have the true work; and, so far as we can ascertain, each one differs from the others in many essential points. Why this is so we cannot tell; for we can see no good reason for this difference, unless it be that, instead of "each one esteeming others better than himself," they have forgotten that important lesson taught in the great *Book* of Masonry, and each one esteems himself better than the others. Let the cause be what it may, it is to be regretted; and so means should be devised, if possible, to avoid a like recurrence in future. We think the reform should commence at home. Harmony of action and of feeling should be inculcated in each of the subordinate Lodges; and not only should the individuals of each Lodge act in concert, but the different Lodges comprising the Grand Lodge should have a system of Work agreeing with each other; and so, beginning at the foundation, work up, until the building is completed. What would you think of a general who should undertake to manage an army of men he could not control in a single company? Surely you would not think him very wise, but at once say that he should first drill them in companies. Were your committee allowed to suggest a plan on which to commence a foundation for reform in this particular, it would be this: Let the M. W. Grand Master appoint, in such sections of the state as might be desired, one or more suitable persons, who shall be called Sub-Lecturers, (or any other name that might be more agreeable,) who should confer with the Grand Lecturer; and let it be made their duty to work upon the same plan with him; and cause the Grand

and Subordinate Lecturers to be clothed with authority to examine the records and proceedings of the subordinate Lodges, giving them such advice and instruction as they might deem necessary, and report to the Grand Lodge any matters they might deem of sufficient importance to require the action of that body.

Your committee have now discharged their duty, so far as time and opportunity will permit: and, although their report is imperfect, yet it is more extended than they could have desired, though not more than the importance of the several topics seemed to your committee to require. The limited time allotted to the committee to discharge the duty assigned it, has precluded the labor of *condensing* their report. They only regret the want of opportunity to give the several subjects referred to them a thorough investigation, many of which they deem of vital interest to the fraternity. But it is, in our opinion, impossible for a committee, during the brief period of a communication of the Grand Lodge, to do justice to these topics, without a total neglect of their other representative trusts. We can suggest no remedy, unless it shall be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, at this communication, to constitute a committee charged with this duty, to report at the next annual meeting.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH HILDRETH,
JONA. N. BURR,
HUGH TREVOR,
M. A. DOUGHERTY,
ABS'M DEATH.

The committee on Ways and Means made a report, which, after amendment, was agreed to as follows:

The committee on Ways and Means, herewith report: That the sum total of indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, up to the commencement of this session, is ascertained from the data furnished by the select committee, in their report on file. The Treasurer's books being in the possession of the late Treasurer, and he absent, no inspection could be had of them. That indebtedness is as follows:

Funded debt — principal		$1,963 04
To which add amount due Amity Lodge No. 5		4 50
Bonds, payable this session		908 38
Interest on bonds	$ 47 23	
" " funded debt, payable this session	117 78	
" " amount due Amity Lodge	27	
		165 28
The expenses and cash appropriations of this session, are:		
For pay-roll, per report of committee	1,164 79	
Grand Secretary's salary	150 00	
Bill for printing	142 24	
Paid by C. Scott for Grand Lodge jewels	36 92	
Grand Secretary's bill for incidental expenses	13 00	
Gotleib Steinman's account	12 00	
Incidental expenses of this session	20 10	
		1,539 05
Total debt		$4,580 25
The gross amount of receipts into the treasury, from all sources, as reported by the Grand Secretary, is	2,650 50	
Amount reported by select committee	173 01	
		2,823 51
Leaving, as the outstanding debt of the Grand Lodge		$1,756 74

Other items of incidental expenses, or otherwise, may be expected, but not to such an amount as very materially to vary the above, or to prevent your committee from congratulating this honorable body, that there is apparent a considerable diminution of their outstanding debt; it having, within the two years just closed, been reduced from $4,291 81, to the sum of $1,756 74, as before stated: giving demonstration of the action of the Grand Lodge, and an earnest of its ardent desire to liquidate its entire indebted-

ness, at as early a day as possible. The committee indulge the hope that the measures now in operation, if strict and rigid economy mark the future course of the Grand Lodge, will, in the *three ensuing years, pay the entire debt.*

Your committee also state, with honest pride, that, from the corrected statement of the pay-roll, as now relied upon, there will be a sufficiency of means to redeem every promise made by the Grand Lodge, through its select committee, at this session; and, also, to take up so much of the funded debt as was created by cash advances during the past year, but which, in aid of that committee, were, with confidence and liberality, by lodges and individuals placed as a funded debt—to be paid, however, at this time, if the means of the Grand Lodge would permit.

Although, from the foregoing exhibit, the Grand Lodge lots and stone, in the town of Lancaster, have not been brought into view, as a means of paying any part of the amount due—yet it is proper to pass them in review, as a means from which, at a future day, or even before the next communication, the whole debt may be paid off; especially, if that property can be sold for one third to one half of its first cost.

The hope, indeed, may be indulged, that, under the resolution of your body, and the sensible and growing improvement in the monetary affairs of the country generally, a sale may be perfected during the recess of this Grand Lodge, so that, with the receipts into the Treasury from other sources, the members of the next communication may congratulate one another on the entire discharge of their indebtedness. Nevertheless, it should be borne in mind, that we have no *certainty* of realizing anything from that property during this year; and that our debt is large, although greatly reduced from what it was two years ago, and last year. A debt—quite a large debt—still exists, which calls for continued care and watchfulness over our finances.

Corporate bodies, as well as individuals, "should live within their income." The affairs of each should be so shaped, that their income should sufficiently exceed their annual expenditures, to enable them to meet, with punctuality, all their pecuniary engagements. Each should be *just* before being *generous.* Neither has the moral right to apply a dollar of their funds to objects of liberality or favoritism, while their honest creditors are waiting for and entitled to the money; and if the income of either is insufficient, retrenchment of expenses, in every possible form, should be the order of the day, until the uttermost farthing of an honest debt is paid. The committee are of opinion, that some further measures of retrenchment, than those already provided for, may, and ought to be, adopted. They therefore make some suggestions, and offer some resolutions, in accordance with these views, to wit:

It would be the means of saving many hundreds of dollars, annually, if the representatives from the subordinate Lodges were also the representatives of the other Orders situate at the same place. In this way, but one mileage fee would be paid, instead of two, three, or four. Perhaps this desirable reform can be attained most effectually, by an amendment of the By-Laws, requiring each subordinate Order to defray the traveling expense, or mileage fee, of its representative. The committee do not, at this time, of themselves, propose such change in the By-Laws, but bring the matter before this body for their consideration.

It is believed that, by care in the creation of new Lodges, the good of Masonry may be advanced, and our Treasury protected, by not authorizing the establishment of new ones, when upon careful examination, it is apparent that they will, in all time to come, be a constant expense to the Grand Lodge.

Your committee would recommend for adoption the following resolutions, as likely to prove beneficial in economizing the fiscal affairs of the Grand Lodge:

1. *Resolved*, That when subordinate Lodges, or other debtors of the Grand Lodge, have time allowed them for the payment of debts due to it, and when payment is finally made, the Secretary shall charge and receive interest on the principal, from the time it was extended.

2. That the 16th section of the By-Laws be so amended, that the Secretary, in the place of a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, shall be allowed seventy-five dollars per annum.

3. That, when not otherwise specially directed by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secre-

tary and Treasurer shall be a committee, *ex-officio*, on any and all printing for this body; and it shall be the duty of such committee, to let such printing to the lowest bidder — having, however, due regard, and giving preference, to the best and most prompt execution of the same.

And finally, they would recommend a strict adherence to the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations, already in force, in regard to the monetary concerns of the Grand Lodge. Your committee feel confident that, if these principles are not departed from, but are strictly adhered to, it will be but a short time (comparatively speaking) when every fair indebtedness of the Grand Lodge will be paid off, and when the present dues from the subordinate Lodges may, with propriety, be reduced.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Hubbard,
J. H. C. Miller,
J. L. Howard.

The committee on Ways and Means also made the following report, which was agreed to, excepting the resolution therein contained, the consideration of which was postponed until the next annual communication:

The committee on Ways and Means further report, that the report of a committee, recommending a resolution for the refunding of the dispensation fees paid by Tuscarawas Lodge, has been under consideration; and they herewith report that, in their opinion, those fees cannot be refunded or remitted without a violation of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and without also violating its express pledges to its creditors. Your committee therefore submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That so much of the resolution had under consideration as relates to the refunding of the dispensation fee, be disagreed to.

The committee, for the same reasons, report adversely as to refunding the fees of Rising Sun Lodge, and in reference to the resolution referred to them, report it back, with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. Hubbard,
J. L. Howard,
J. H. C. Miller.

On motion of Brother *Griffith*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Orator be requested to deliver a public Masonic address before the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the second day of its next annual communication.

The account of Brother G. W. Claspill was presented, and referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Griffith* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a proper form of the Annual Returns of subordinate Lodges be made out by the Grand Secretary, and printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; also the form of a proxy.

The select committee, to whom was referred the inquiries of Brother Reed, made the following report; which, on motion, was postponed until the next annual grand communication:

The select committee to whom was referred the following questions, viz: "1st. Should a member of a subordinate Lodge commit a flagrant outrage against the peace and dignity of said Lodge, has he a right to claim the ten days notice, as prescribed by the By-Laws of said Lodge?" and, "2d. When the Master or Secretary of a subordinate Lodge, for greater safety, deposits the Charter or Dispensation in an iron safe without the Lodge, yet within its reach at all times, does such deposit vitiate the legal existence of such Lodge?" report:

That, in the opinion of your committee, no Lodge can proceed to suspend or expel a brother, except for the non-payment of dues, without first having given ten days notice;

but the Masonic usage should not be so construed as to prevent the Master, for the time being, from maintaining the "peace and dignity of his Lodge."

And in answer to the second query, your committee are of opinion that, as the charter of a Lodge is, in all cases, committed to the safe-keeping of the Master, it is his province to see that it is safely kept within his reach and that of the Lodge; and it should always be within the Lodge during its communications.

The brief space of time allotted to your committee for the consideration of the propositions involved in the above questions, prevents their entering more at large into the merits of the questions involved.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
J. L. VATTIER,
GEO. KEIFER.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolution proposed by the committee on Charters and Dispensations, in relation to Tuscarawas Lodge, made the following report, which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolution proposed by the committee on Charters and Dispensations, with instructions to amend the same, report the resolution amended, as follows:

Resolved, That the brethren of Tuscarawas Lodge No. —, be permitted to resume labor, under the charter of New Philadelphia Lodge No. 59.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. H. C. MILLER,
J. L. HOWARD.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments, viz:

Brother JOHN W. MILLIGAN, Columbus, Grand Sword Bearer.
" G. C. LOVELAND, Ashtabula, and O. J. ECKLEY, Athens, Grand Pursuivants.
" JONAS WARD, Piqua, and JACOB B. BROWN, Mt. Vernon, Grand Stewards.

Brother *Leadbetter* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Brother Wright Warner, the delegate from Tuscarawas Lodge, be allowed mileage and per diem in the same proportion that the delegates from other Lodges were paid, out of dues from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Treasurer furnish him with the amount.

The consideration of the claim of Brother John Barney was, on motion, postponed until the next annual grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, he was excused from serving on the select committee on the debts and credits of the Grand Lodge, and Brother Timothy Griffith was appointed to fill the vacancy in said committee.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the account of Brother Claspill, reported that they find the Grand Lodge indebted to Brother Claspill in the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents, and recommend its payment; which was agreed to.

Brother *Robert Moore* gave notice that he would, at the next or some subsequent communication of the Grand Lodge, move to amend the By-Laws in the following particulars, viz:

In section 19th, third line, strike out the words *two dollars*, and insert "one dollar;" and in the fourth line, strike out the words *seventy-five*, and insert "fifty."

In section 18th, strike out all after the word *Lodge*, where it occurs in the second line.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the subject of Tuscarawas Lodge, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to said Tuscarawas Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL REED,
KENT JARVIS.

No further business appearing for the action of the Grand Lodge, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was closed in ample form, to meet again at the city of Dayton, on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1846 — A. L. 5846.

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

JOHN T. ARTHUR, *Grand Secretary.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at the City of Dayton, October 20, A. D. 1846—A. L. 5846.

M. W. William B. Thrall, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* T. S. Hoskins, Columbus.]

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, met at Masons' Hall, in the city of Dayton, October 20, A. D. 1846, A. L. 5846.

Grand Officers present:

M. W. William B. Thrall, Grand Master.
R. W. M. M. Laughlin, Deputy Grand Master.
" " George Keifer, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Jona. N. Burr, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Timothy Griffith, Grand Treasurer.
" " Bela Latham, Grand Secretary.
" " William H. Raper, Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*
" " William P. Strickland, Grand Orator.
" " Kent Jarvis, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Christian Rothenbush, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer.
" John Sayre, Grand Tyler.

After an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, by the Rev. Grand Chaplain, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ancient and ample form.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the appointment of the following standing committees:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Reed, Scott and Launder.
On Credentials—Brothers Latham, Caldwell and Scott.

Brother *Caldwell*, from the committee on Credentials, made the following report:

The committee on Credentials respectfully report: That there are seventy-six chartered Lodges and nine working under dispensation, making in all eighty-five Lodges represented, as follows:

No.	*Lodge.*	*Representatives.*
1.	American Union	Hugh Trevor, Jas. Dunn.
2.	N. C. Harmony	W. B Dodds, I. C. Copelen.
4.	New England	Geo. Taylor.
5.	Amity	Israel Hoge, Geo. L. Shinnick.
6.	Scioto	J. D. Caldwell.
8.	Harmony	Wm L. Mosgrove, F. M. Wright.
9.	Mt. Zion	B. F. Smith, Marvin Tracey, J. N. Burr.
13.	St. Johns'	John Sayre, David Clark, Peter Baer.
14.	Franklin	S. D. Bayless.
15.	Cleveland City	W. T. Goodwin, Plato B. Hayward.
16.	Belmont	Wilmeth Jones.
17.	Washington	Levi Richmand, Christian Rothenbush.
18.	Hiram, U. D.	E. Griswold.
22.	Rising Sun	Josiah Allen.
23.	Pickaway	William H. Hall.
24.	Warren	L. R. Brownell.
25.	Paramuthia	N. Root, Houghton Cobly.
26.	Lebanon	Samuel Glenny, Horace M. Stokes.
29.	Clermont Social	Cornelius Moore.
30.	Columbus	T. Griffith, W. B. Hubbard, I. Davis.
33.	Ebenezer	S. Hemphill, K. Porter.
35.	Mansfield	Abner Wright, John Meredith.
37.	Mt. Moriah	R. H. Dodge, Sam. Beach.
38.	Highland	John M. Barrere
43.	West Union, U. D.	A. Hollingsworth.
44.	Columbia	James Chambers.
45.	Steubenville	J. S. Scott, M. M. Laughlin.
46.	Miami	William McCammon.
47.	Clinton	F. M. Keith.
48.	Aurora	Benjamin Work, G. Burr.
49.	Xenia, U. D.	John Hiveling.
52.	Wilmington	Levi Gustin, Benjamin Hinkson.
54.	Milford	William Highlands.
57.	Lancaster	M. Z. Kreider, G. Steinman, D. Sifford.
58.	Medina	A. Morton.
59.	Tuscarawas	Wright Warner.
60.	Canton	David Gotshall.
67.	Oxford	Alfred Luce.
70.	Marion	Grand Secretary, (returned by mail.)
71.	Union	D. H. Murphy.
72.	Georgetown	William Carty.
73.	Temperance	William Fielding.
74.	Wads. and Seville	Henry Hosmer.
76.	Somerset	John Leidy, Thos. Hood.
77.	Sandusky	Henry Kuhn.
78.	Leesburg	A. S. Amberg.
79.	Lafayette	T. Launder, John W. Thompson, G. D. Palmer.
80.	Libanus	James Bolens.
81.	Lafayette	James McQueen, J. L. Katlin.
82.	Bolivar	Joseph L. Campbell, P. M. Crume.
83.	King Solomon	Samuel Edgerley.
87.	Salem	M. D. Brock, Isaac Davis.
88.	Hiram	Nathaniel Benjamin, G. W. Edgerley.
89.	Friendship	Kelion Hager.
90.	Jefferson	R. N. McAdams.
97.	Newark	Samuel H. Bancroft.
98.	Minerva	S. H. Smith, Frederick Hoover.
102.	Union	David Fagan.
104.	Tarlton	Joseph H Robbins.
105.	Moriah	Richard B. Ryan.
106.	Fellowship	A. M. Davis, Aaron Putnam.
108.	Washington	H. Barton.
109.	Batavia	E. Zimmerman.
111.	Corinthian	J. L. Howard, J. Cornelius.
112.	Wood County	Jairus Curtis.
113.	Clinton	Franklin Boone, Joel Fink.
114.	Warrenton	William Wycoff.
115.	Hanover	H. Howard.
116.	Hebron	S. P. Fidlar.
118.	Malta	Thomas Maxfield.
120.	Marion	David Isgrigg.
121.	Mercer	N. H. Starbuck, George Keifer.
122.	Washington	R. Whitcomb.
123.	Phœnix	D. H. Wheeler.
124.	Carroll	D. McCook.
127.	Union	J. L. Wadsworth, A. W. Whiting.
131.	Vinton	Thomas R. Matthews.
132.	Amity	James H. C. Miller.
133.	Cincinnati	Absalom Death, Jacob Ernst.
134.	Columbian, U. D.	John Y. Hopkins.
135.	Butlerville, "	A. G. Walden.
136.	Sharon, "	Samuel Fowler.
137.	Harrisville, "	Henry Hosmer.
138.	Chandler, "	John Melvin.
139.	Bucyrus, "	Joseph E. Jewett.

A constitutional number of subordinate Lodges being duly represented, THE GRAND LODGE OF OHIO was declared, by the M. W. Grand Master, duly organized for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Brother *Reed*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to superintend the public exercises of to-morrow.

Whereupon, Brothers Fielding, Hinkson, Bear, Hine and Porter were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until half-past 1 o'clock P. M.

HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

On Accounts—Brothers Shinnick, Root, Trevor, Murphy and Goodwin.

On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Reed, Keith, Palmer, Glenny and Wheeler.

On Foreign Communications—Brothers Griswold, Death, Jarvis, Cornelius and Benjamin.

On Ways and Means—Brothers McCammon, Bancroft, Gotshall, Kuhn and Dodge.

On Charity—Brothers Kreider, Moore, Dodds, Kuhn and Wycoff.

On Grievances—Brothers Vattier, Boone, Maxfield, Beach and Hall.

On Unfinished Business—Brothers Barrere, Steinman, Gustin, Hogue and Fagan.

On Pay Roll—Brothers Laughlin, Griffith, Smith, H. Howard and Brownell.

The M. W. Grand Master presented and read his annual communication in the following very appropriate language:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

Behold, Brethren, how divinely good to us-ward has been that never-sleeping Providence, which has brought us in peace and safety to this our annual feast! The thread of life has been continued to us another year; and, encircled on all hands with blessings more than can be told, we are vouchsafed those distinguishing advantages and pleasures which belong, in a peculiar manner, to this our sacred retreat. These various benefits, brethren, flow to us from that exhaustless treasure of love through which the Supreme Architect of the Universe delights to manifest Himself to men. And while we enjoy freely these ineffable blessings, it is our high privilege to rejoice in the consciousness of the fact, that our Divine Grand Master, who thus cares for our every want, is the God not of Masons only, but of all mankind.

In discharging the duty devolved on me by the By-Laws, of communicating to you, in writing, a statement of my official acts in recess of the Grand Lodge, I avail myself of the occasion to express to you my congratulations upon the *state of Masonry*, not merely within our own particular jurisdiction, but throughout the habitable globe. Within our own borders, the anathemas and denunciations which but as yesterday were so profusely fulminated from the press and the forum, have fallen harmless at our feet, and are succeeded by social peace and truly Masonic tranquillity. It were not probably saying too much, to affirm that the season of apparent adversity to which we, as an Order, have been subjected, has resulted to our ultimate and permanent advantage; for, though often wounded in the house of its friends, our venerable institution has come out from the ordeal unscathed, brighter and purer by reason of its separation from *the very dross* which has fallen off in the process. But seasons such as that to which I have adverted, should not be lost upon us, nor upon those who are to come after us. They are pregnant of tendency, and full of useful instruction; and should be regarded as exemplifications of the salutary "uses of adversity." While we should bow in meek *temperance* to these visitations, we should nevertheless summon *fortitude* sufficient for the occasion: and it is the dictate of *prudence*, no less than of *justice* to ourselves, and to those who are to be our successors, that the tendency to pestilential moral tempests be noted, to the end that their lessons may be improved.

It became my duty to announce to the Grand Lodge, at its last annual communication, that, in consequence of certain improprieties permitted by *Batavia* Lodge No. 109, I had felt imperatively required to arrest the charter of that Lodge; which had been done accordingly, on the 7th of November preceding. The subject underwent an investigation at the hands of a committee, upon whose report it was the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to approve the action in the premises—and the whole subject matter was referred to the discretion of the Grand Master, for such further action as he might deem proper. On the 20th of December following, having received from the brethren of Ba-

tavia satisfactory assurances that a better state of facts had obtained among them, and that more auspicious prospects invited them to action, I restored to them, in compliance with their petition therefor, their charter, with authority to resume work, and continue their labors until the present communication of the Grand Lodge. This was done under the confident hope and belief that harmony and fraternal concord may henceforth distinguish the action of the brethren of said Lodge.

On the 24th of October last, having received from the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, in that behalf, their report, setting forth, as the result of their deliberations, that "they have unhesitatingly come to the conclusion that it is expedient to revive the charter of the late *Northern Light Lodge* No. 40," I directed the Grand Secretary to execute and deliver, to Brother Andrew Young, the necessary papers to enable him to carry out the views of the Grand Lodge in relation to that matter.

Besides the foregoing, dispensations, constituting ten new Lodges, have been granted during the year now just closed, as follows:

To *Harrisville Lodge*, at Harrisville, Medina county, composed of Brothers Joseph Hildreth, Calvin Holt, Harmer Palmer, Melancthon Hoag, James L. Redfield, Joseph Hibbard, James Fitzgerald and Benjamin Kidsler.

To *Sharon Lodge*, at Sharon, Morgan county, composed of Brothers P. K. McCue, Jesse M. Stone, Samuel Fowler, B. M. Leland, Oliver Keyser, Conway Garlington, Robert Thompson and Jesse Stanard.

To *Butlerville Lodge*, at Butlerville, Warren county, composed of Brothers Stephen T. Stewart, S. P. Hunt, Isaac Leming, Albert G. Walden, Sullivan F. Stevens, Thomas Adams, John Hill, George B. Rohrer and David Hunt.

To *Chandler Lodge*, at London, Madison county, composed of Brothers W. H. Squiers, L. T. Fisher, R. G. Morris, Geo. W. Sprung, Francis Asbury, John Melvin, P. W. Morris and Lewis Holden.

To *Bucyrus Lodge*, at Bucyrus, Crawford county, composed of Brothers Joseph E. Jewett, Amos L. Westover, Benjamin Warner, Jonas Stough, W. M. Welsh, Hibbard P. Ward, John Caldwell and Zalmer Rowse.

To *Columbia Lodge*, at Columbia, Guernsey county, composed of Brothers John Y. Hopkins, Peter K. McLaughlin, William Stephens, William Wright, John A. Alexander, J. Richards, A. P. Josslyn and T. F. Wright.

To *Coshocton Lodge*, at Coshocton, composed of Brothers David Spangler, William McFarlin, Josiah Dewey, R. M. Lamb, William B. Decker, Thomas C. Ricketts, Samuel Lee, J. W. Rue, R. C. Bryan, M. Ferguson, E. P. Jones, William Carhartt, Samuel Hutchinson and John Taylor.

To *West Union Lodge*, at West Union, Adams county, composed of Brothers A. Hollingsworth, William Allen, E. S. Moore, A. McGoveny, D. W. Stepleton, Joseph Sprague, William Records and John C. Scott.

To *Hiram Lodge*, at Delaware, composed of Brothers Ezra Griswold, Sidney Moore, William Walker, Henry Rigour, Caleb Howard, William Little and John Ross.

To *Xenia Lodge*, at Xenia, composed of Brothers John Hiveling, Hiram C. Brown, John A. Gowdy, A. Hiveling, W. T. Stark, M. Chambers, James Collier, William Bell, Simon Dunn, George Champler, Charles Anthony and Andrew Ream.

The four Lodges last enumerated, occupy the places of Lodges formerly existing in the same localities, but which, yielding to the force of circumstances, long since fell into inertia and disuse. The remaining six occupy new fields of Masonic labor. Among the petitioners, we recognize many tried and approved good workmen—two of whom formerly occupied the two highest positions in the Grand Lodge of Ohio. From this awakening to duty of old Masons, and ready alacrity manifested by junior members to labor in our common vineyard, we infer the upward and onward tendency of the Order.

Other applications—and especially in behalf of the brethren of Richfield, Summit county—have been made for authority to resume their labors as a regular Lodge, after having been in a dormant state for several years. But being invested with no authority to grant the request of the brethren, except on the payment of the customary fee for

dispensation, and that payment not having been made, of course the prayer of the petitioners was not granted, although their application was in all other respects in satisfactory form. In compliance with the request of those brethren, I submit their application to the paternal consideration of the Grand Lodge.

We live, my Brethren, in an age distinguished above all others in the annals of man, by the developments of invention, and innovations upon established habits and customs. Within the memory of Masons not now far advanced in the down-hill of life, the cotton gin, the steam engine and the railroad car, have been introduced, and made subservient to the uses of man. These have touched, as if by magic wand, the various pursuits of industry and enterprise, and the policy of nations is changed by the contact. Within the last few years, the forked lightning has been divested of its terrors, and, by scientific appliances, rendered tame and manageable; and by the exertion of its mysterious powers, time and space are almost annihilated. By it, friend may hold social converse with friend, with almost the celerity of thought, though at the moment occupying points at opposite extremities of our widely extended country. Amid these surpassing scenes of fluctuation and change, it is not matter of surprise that new orders and associations of men should spring into being, emulous of our own venerable Institution in the diffusion of genial influences, and the melioration of human woes. It would indeed be strange were it otherwise. Nor is this generous competition in the field of Charity to be deprecated; for wherever mortal man exists, there also may be found evidences of that *fall*, which brought sorrow and pain, and

——"death into the world, and all our woe."

The condition of our race on earth is one of mutual dependence. None are so high in the scale of fortune as not to require the aid, counsel and assistance of his fellows; none so low as not to challenge their fraternal sympathies. Give ample scope and verge, then, to all, by whatever name they may be known, who are willing in this to coöperate or compete with us in the *grand aim* we should each have in view, namely: "to soothe the unhappy—to sympathize with their misfortunes—to compassionate their miseries—and to restore peace to their troubled minds." But, while we thus bid a hearty *God speed* to those who may prefer other channels than our Lodges for communicating good, it behooves us to watch with cautious vigilance the ANCIENT LANDMARKS committed to our care; these are the *criteria* which distinguish our time-honored institution from the various novelties of the day, and impart to it that truly catholic character and universality of application, which can never be attained by associations of merely temporary or local character. For, my brethren, though other institutions, benevolent in design and good in operation, may arise, and for a time attract popular attention with a "lo, here—and lo, there"—yet there is graphic truth in the remark of a beloved brother, favorably known to the Grand Lodge, that "*Masonry is Masonry all the while.*"

The Grand Lodge has been convened in special grand communication on four several occasions during the past year, to wit:

On the 10th of June, at the request of the Trustees and Vestry of the Evangelic Lutheran Church in Lancaster, to lay, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of a new Church edifice in that place.

On the 24th of June, at the request of Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, at Cincinnati, to bring forth the cape-stone of their magnificent temple, and dedicate, with the solemn rites of our Order, the Masonic Hall in that place.

On the 25th of June, at the request of Milford Lodge No. 54, Clermont county, to lay the corner stone of a new Masonic edifice in that place.

On the 31st of July, at the request of Amity Lodge No. 131, Jackson C. H., to dedicate, according to Masonic usage, the new Masonic edifice recently erected in that place.

Indispensable civil engagements interposed to deprive me of the satisfaction of being personally present on two of these interesting occasions. In the one case my proxy was forwarded to Brother M. Z. Kreider, and in the other, to Brother Cornelius Moore, whose official reports of the transactions on those respective occasions, together with a printed statement of the order of proceedings at the dedication of the Masonic Hall in Cincinnati, are herewith submitted.

In August last, Brother *John T. Arthur*, Grand Secretary, being about to join the army of the United States in a foreign country, signified to me his resignation of the office he held in the Grand Lodge; and the vacancy thus created, was supplied by the appointment of Brother *Bela Latham*, of Columbus, who, in former years rendered acceptable service in that place, and who kindly consented to assume the discharge of its duties.

A revised edition of the *Book of Constitutions*, embracing the Constitution, By-Laws, etc., of the Grand Lodge, authorized by a resolution adopted at the last grand communication, has been brought out by the enterprise of an individual Brother; and a number of copies are placed in the hands of our Brother, the Grand Treasurer, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. It remains to be determined what number shall be ordered, and how disposed of.

I feel it an indispensable duty to invite the attention of the Grand Lodge to a careful consideration of its monetary affairs. By looking its embarrassments, two years since, boldly in the face, and by adopting and adhering to a system of economy so austere as to be hardly Masonic, the Grand Lodge has been enabled to relieve itself from a position which greatly embarrassed its operations, and for a while seriously menaced its honor. The period of its greatest pecuniary peril is passed; and the Grand Lodge has now its honor and its destiny in its own keeping. A faithful adherence to that system of economy for another year, will enable it to discharge all its liabilities. It may then safely relax somewhat its exactions from its subordinates, and dispense its benefits with a less sparing hand. But the most common justice to those who, in the hour of its extremity, generously came forward to its rescue, demands that no inconsiderate or improvident expenditure of its means be incurred, while it is unable promptly to discharge any proper demand upon its charity or its treasury.

I cannot forego the present opportunity of again renewing my grateful acknowledgments to the fraternity of Ohio here represented, for the oft-repeated marks of their kindness and confidence. I have often felt with keen sensibility my own inadequacy to make suitable requital for these multiform acts of kindness. The cup of my ambition is filled to overflowing; and I anticipate the pleasing duty of installing as my successor, some brother of your choice, who will bring to the station more ability for the discharge of its various and delicate duties, than have been allotted to me. Such brethren now fill your halls; and I shall greet with unfeigned satisfaction him who shall be honored by your preference.

Invoking the choicest of Heaven's blessings upon you individually and collectively, and upon your deliberations and acts,

I remain faithfully your Brother,

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

DAYTON, Oct. 20, A. L. 5846.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the communication of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a select committee of three, to designate the appropriate committees to whom its several subjects shall be referred.

Whereupon Brothers Keifer, Copelen and Miller, were appointed said committee.

Brother *Fielding*, chairman of the committee appointed to superintend the public exercises of to-morrow, made the following report, which was agreed to:

In obedience to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, there will be a procession, and public Address, delivered before the Grand Lodge, by the R. W. Grand Orator, in this city, on Wednesday, the 21st of October, 1846, at the Methodist Church, at half past 2 o'clock.

The Procession will form at their Hall on First street, at 10 o'clock precisely, under the direction of the Marshals, and move on First street, west, to Wilkinson, south on Wil-

kinson to Second, east on Second to Jefferson, south on Jefferson to Third, west on Third to Ludlow, north on Ludlow to the Methodist Church, where the usual exercises will be had; when the procession will again form, and move south on Ludlow to Third, west on Third to Wilkinson, south on Wilkinson to Fourth, east on Fourth to Main, south on Main to Sixth, east on Sixth to Jefferson, north on Jefferson to Third, east on Third to Sears, north on Sears to First, west on First to the Masonic Hall.

On motion, the report of the Grand Treasurer, and a report of Brother Dougherty, of Lancaster, upon the subject of the sale, etc., of certain property belonging to the Grand Lodge, were referred to the standing committee on Accounts.

Also, all reports and papers of all Lodges working under dispensations, were referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Fielding*, the following resolutions were agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to report an expression of the opinion of this Grand Lodge, as to the merits of a work entitled the "Craftsman," compiled by Brother Cornelius Moore, and published by Brother Jacob Ernst, of Cincinnati, a copy of which he has presented to this Grand Lodge, through its Grand Master.

Resolved, That the copy above referred to, be presented to the Grand Master, Brother William B. Thrall.

Whereupon Brothers Fielding, Latham, Kreider, Davis and B. F. Smith were appointed the committee upon the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Brother *Hine*, the following resolutions were referred to a select committee of three:

Resolved, That in all cases where preëxisting Lodges have been compelled to cease their work without having returned their charters, or where the same has not been taken away by the Grand Lodge, or forfeited by any reason to said Grand Lodge, the said Lodges shall, if revived by letters of Dispensation duly issued by the Grand Master, by virtue of the 12th and 13th Articles of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be entitled to have refunded to them the amount by them deposited for such dispensation, less the Grand Secretary's fees and incidental expenses; provided said Lodges pay into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge all dues accruing for members and initiations since the issuing of such dispensation.

Resolved, That all representatives of Lodges acting under dispensation, shall be entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge so soon as a favorable report is had (upon the By-Laws and proceedings of the Lodge sending such delegates) from the committee to whom the same may be referred; provided, the dues of said Lodge, as contemplated in the first resolution, shall have paid.

Whereupon, Brothers Griffith, Keifer and Barrere were appointed said committee.

On motion of Brother *Mc Cammon*, the petition of a certain number of Masons asking for a dispensation for a Lodge at Cheviot, Hamilton county, was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Griffith*, from the select committee on the debts and credits of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was referred to the standing committee of Ways and Means:

The select committee upon the debts and credits of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, appointed by this body during its session of 1844, and continued by resolution adopted in 1845, herewith submit a brief account of their doings during the past year; also, a statement of the present indebtedness of the Grand Lodge so far as ascertained.

The amount of funded debt redeemable at pleasure, reported to the Lodge in 1845	$1,963 04	
Deduct No. 54, redeemed by new issue	94 29	
		$1,868 75

The following bonds were issued Oct. 21, 1845, in lieu of No. 54, with interest, and payable at pleasure:

No. 55. Grand Chapter of Ohio	$19 00	
" 56. Grand Council of Ohio	3 75	
" 57. Grand Encampment of Ohio	60 80	
" 58. Lancaster Lodge No. 57	10 74	
		94 29
No. 60. Amity Lodge No. 5, per order of the Grand Lodge		4 77
Total funded debt		$1,967 81
Interest due on $1,963.04, October 21, 1845	$117 61	
Of which there is paid by committee	62 79	
		54 82

Amount of Grand Lodge bonds redeemable Oct. 21, 1845, as reported by the committee	$908 38		
Interest on same up to Oct. 21, 1845	47 23		
		955 61	
Amount of said bonds redeemed to date	808 68		
Interest paid on same	42 24		
		850 62	
			104 99
G. L. bond, No. 59, issued to Brother Charles Scott, payable Oct. 21, 1846, without interest, per order of the Grand Lodge			142 25
Interest on funded debt one year, due Oct. 21, 1846			118 07
Total liabilities			$2,387 94

The following estimates and calculations are predicated in part upon known facts, and partly upon other reliable data, from which it will be observed that there will probably remain in the Treasury, after deducting the estimated expenses of this communication, a balance approximating very nearly, in amount, the present ascertained indebtedness of the Grand Lodge:

Estimated receipts from grand dues, 1846		$2,600 00
Estimated receipts from grand arrears, 1845		100 00
Estimated receipts from Grand Lodge certificates		20 00
Fees for four dispensations granted		200 00
Fees from Northern Light Lodge, for charter		50 00
Stone sold at Lancaster, reported to committee		306 95
Cash remaining in the Treasury		652 62
Total		$3,909 57
Amount of Pay Roll estimated	$1,400 00	
Incidental expenses, tax on lots, etc , estimated	80 00	
Grand Secretary's salary	150 00	
Brother J. Barney, allowed in 1843	17 58	
Interest on funded debt to Oct. 21, 1846	118 07	
G. L. bond, No. 59, issued to C. Scott	142 25	
Interest due on funded debt, Oct. 21, 1845, and unpaid	54 82	
Outstanding bonds due Oct. 21, 1845, with interest thereon	104 99	
		2,067 71
Estimated balance in the Treasury at the close of the session		$1,841 86

If the foregoing estimates can be relied on, and the undersigned expresses his entire confidence in their general accuracy, it presents the gratifying result that the Treasury, at the close of the present session, will be in possession of means nearly sufficient to extinguish the entire indebtedness of the Grand Lodge.

It may not be inappropriate to remark, that the lots in Lancaster have not been brought into view, while speculating upon the available assets of the Grand Lodge, owing to the extreme uncertainty as to their present cash value. The special committee having charge of them, recently communicated to the undersigned that the sum of

$1,200 had been offered for them during the past summer, but owing to the unfavorable terms of payment proposed, and the astounding reduction in the price, compared with that paid by the Grand Lodge, the offer was declined.

My predecessors, in their report to the last session of the Grand Lodge, reported specifically therewith a claim in favor of our venerable brother, John Barney, for the sum of $15.70, which, owing to the absence of the Grand Treasurer's books, and other papers which they deemed essential to be referred to, was not included among the claims settled and paid up to that period. The undersigned, having since had access to the late Grand Treasurer's books and papers, and having carefully examined his entries, the payment of such claim is not found debited to the Grand Lodge. The fair presumption then is, that the sum of seventeen dollars and fifty-eight cents, inclusive of two years interest, is due to Brother John Barney; which sum your committee has included in the debits of the Grand Lodge, herein reported.

The undersigned is happy to have it in his power to announce to this body, that no further claims against the Grand Lodge have been presented for his examination and action during the past year—a circumstance upon which his belief is founded, that those claims which, but a few years since, were found floating in almost every direction, are now well nigh exhausted by the successful operation of that rigid system of economy and retrenchment adopted in 1843.

It will be conceded by every one, that a large share of the official responsibility of the representatives composing this Grand Lodge, is intimately connected with its monetary concerns. "To be generous is to be just," is a favorite maxim in political science, the moral force of which, in ordinary commercial relations, all will readily admit, and which requires no argument to establish its applicability to this branch of our institution. A strict and unequivocal adherence, then, to the CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS, interpreted according to their legitimate sense, will not only insure equal and exact justice to all whose interest shall be in any wise committed to our charge, but will secure to ourselves the honest approbation of a generous constituency.

Respectfully submitted, TIMOTHY GRIFFITH, *Select Committee.*

Brother *Luce* submitted certain questions touching the government of subordinate Lodges; which, on motion, were referred to a select committee of three, namely—Brothers Fielding, Beach and Scott.

Brother *Ernst* presented certain papers relating to the expulsion of a brother, which, on motion, were referred to the standing committee on Grievances.

Brother *Jewett* introduced the following resolution, which was referred to Brother Griffith:

Resolved, That Lodges working under dispensations, which may have been granted between the regular meetings of the Grand Lodge, shall only be required to pay grand dues in proportion to the time said Lodge may have been in existence, provided said dispensations shall not have been granted for the revival of a dormant charter.

A memorial of Brother Highland was presented, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Brother *Launder*, the account of the late Grand Secretary was referred to the standing committee on Accounts.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

W. B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to its adjournment. Present, the same Grand Officers and Brothers as on yesterday; and, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, the Grand Lodge was declared duly organized for the dispatch of business.

The minutes were read and approved.

Brother *Griffith* presented the following preamble and resolution, which were referred to the committee on Accounts:

WHEREAS, it appears that Richmond Lodge No. 122, paid its dues to the Grand Secretary for the year 1845, which amount is not included in his settlement with the Treasurer; AND, WHEREAS, the said Secretary did pay interest on sundry Grand Lodge bonds, and did not charge the same to the Grand Lodge, in his settlement with the Treasurer: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to adjust the same, by crediting Richmond Lodge with the payment of its dues for 1845, and that this, and all other sums of money owed by the late Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge, be retained out of any appropriation that may hereafter be made to him on account of salary or otherwise.

On motion of Brother *Mc Cook*, the following resolution was referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Carroll Lodge No. 124, be and he is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, *to demand and receive* from the late officers of New Lisbon Lodge No. 65, the jewels, carpet, and other personal property belonging to said New Lisbon Lodge, now forfeited to the Grand Lodge, under the provisions of the 21st section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and to retain the same until the further order of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Starbuck*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of its Grand Officers for the year ensuing, this evening at 6 and a half o'clock.

Brother *Keith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Columbian Lodge No. —, held at Cumberland, Guernsey county, find the proceedings of said Lodge to be correct, and also the By-Laws, except the last clause of the third section of article 13th. They would recommend to said Lodge to strike out the three last words, to wit, "receiving his degree," and insert the following: "before a ballot be taken."

The committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Butlerville Lodge No. —, held at Butlerville, Warren county, and find their proceedings to be regular, and in conformity with the regulations and requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That charters be granted to Columbian Lodge, to be No. 134, and Butlerville Lodge, to be No. 135.

All which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL REED,
F. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL GLENNY,
DANIEL H. WHEELER.

Brother *Keith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the dispensa-

tion, By-Laws and proceedings of Hiram Lodge, located at Delaware, in Delaware county, and also the petition of Calvin Ketchell and eleven others, to resuscitate Montgomery Lodge No. 94, in Hamilton county, report, that they have with care examined the papers laid before them in the two above named cases, and find the following facts to exist: 1st, As to Hiram Lodge, we find that it suspended labor in 1833, and retained possession of its charter and jewels, and now has them under its control. Your committee find that at the Grand Lodge in 1837, a Grand Visitant was appointed to visit all Lodges in the state which were, at the time, in the situation of the above named Hiram Lodge; yet your committee are satisfied, from the evidence before them, that said Visitant never called upon this Lodge, nor has said Lodge ever had notice of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge through any other source.

Your committee also find the following facts to exist in relation to Montgomery Lodge:—That on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1832, six brethren met and adjourned said Lodge without day, and that the same has never met since; that the Grand Lodge received notice of the proceedings of said Montgomery Lodge. They also find that said Montgomery Lodge was directed to retain its charter until a favorable opportunity should present itself to resuscitate said Lodge. They also find, on the examination of the papers before them, that said Lodge purchased jewels to the amount of $53, which jewels were subsequently loaned to Batavia Lodge, in Clermont county; and that since said loaning, as aforesaid, the Grand Lodge has sold said jewels to said Batavia Lodge. This Lodge now prays to be resuscitated, and that the Grand Lodge furnish them with a set of jewels in the place of those sold to Batavia Lodge, or refund the amount the Grand Lodge received for said jewels.

Your committee also find that the above named Lodges and their members are laboring under a degree of pecuniary embarrassment, which will in all probability render it impossible for them to proceed with their labor, if required to pay the $50 dispensation fee and the dues to the Grand Lodge. Your committee deem it proper to state that, should these Lodges be prevented, by reason of these requirements, commencing labor, the Grand Lodge would lose in a pecuniary point of view—they would not only be compelled to refund the $50, but they virtually prevent the existence of a body which would, if permitted to go into existence, pay annual dues to this body, which, in a very few years, would far exceed the dispensation fee.

But your committee do not conceive, nor are they willing to admit that, with our institution, the money argument is the strongest that can be presented; convinced, as we are, that there is in the heart of every Mason, that pure, undefiled charity and benevolence, which will lead him to extend, if need be, the benefits of Masonry to every brother, without money and without price, your committee cannot but believe that every brother will consent to grant to the brethren of the above named Lodges the prayer of their petition, without retaining the dispensation fee, if to retain it is to deprive them of the benefits of associated Masonry. That it will so do your committee have the most positive assurance.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That Hiram Lodge No. 18, be entitled to receive their charter and have their dispensation fee refunded.

Resolved, That Montgomery Lodge be and the same is hereby resuscitated and authorized to resume labor, under its No. 94, and that the amount this Grand Lodge received on the sale of the jewels belonging to said Lodge be refunded.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Samuel Reed,
F. M. Keith,
Samuel Glenny,
Daniel H. Wheeler.

Brother *Keith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the delegates from Hiram Lodge, in Delaware, be permitted to take their seats in the Grand Lodge on payment of its dues.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The standing committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the report of the special committee that was appointed by the Grand Lodge, at the last communication, to take possession and charge of the Grand Lodge lots, stone, and other property, at Lancaster, belonging to the Grand Lodge, report, that they have examined said special committee's report and find the same correct. That they have also examined the Grand Treasurer's accounts, together with his vouchers, and find the same correct; which account is hereunto appended. And your committee take pleasure in stating that much credit is due to the Grand Treasurer, for the faithful and judicious manner in which he has discharged the duties of said office the past year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
HUGH TREVOR,
N. ROOT,
W. T. GOODWIN.

TREASURY OFFICE, COLUMBUS, O., October 19, 1846.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The undersigned has the honor of submitting for your inspection and consideration, a statement of the total amount of money paid into the Treasury, from various sources, during the past year, and a detailed account of the disbursements made during the same period; also, showing the balance remaining in the Treasury this day:

RECEIPTS.

1845—Oct. 25.	Grand Dues	$2,277 75	
"	Dispensations	300 00	
"	Grand Lodge Certificates	27 00	
			$2,604 75
"	Brother W. B. Hubbard, Chairman of committee on the debts and credits of the Grand Lodge		197 01
Dec. 13.	Canton Lodge No. 60—dues for 1845		30 00
26.	Salem Lodge No. 87, for jewels		16 00
1846—Jan. 3.	Grand Lodge Certificate issued		25
May 5.	Dividend on three shares Exchange Bank stock		8 52
July 20.	Dispensation, Xenia Lodge No. 49	$50 00	
"	Dispensation, Hiram Lodge No. 18	50 00	
			100 00
Oct. 12.	Three shares Exchange Bank stock sold this day		324 00
Total			$3,280 53

DISBURSEMENTS.

1845—Oct. 25.	Grand Lodge Pay Roll, in full	$1,164 79
"	Grand Lodge Bonds, redeemable Oct. 21, 1845, with interest, (redeemed and canceled	850 62
"	Interest paid on funded debt	62 79
"	Grand Secretary's salary for 1845	150 00
"	Do. Resolution of the Grand Lodge	12 98
"	Brother Charles Scott, do	36 92
28.	Brother L. Ransom, member of the committee on debts and credits, per order of its chairman	20 00
Nov. 11.	Brother G. Steinman, resolution of the Grand Lodge	12 00
Dec. 5.	A. Barrett, for washing clothing for the Grand Lodge	2 37
26.	Three shares Exchange Bank stock	309 00
1846—Jan. 21.	G. W. Claspill, per resolution of Grand Lodge	11 58
Mar. 12.	Payment of taxes on Grand Lodge lots, for 1845	7 50
June 10.	Expenses to Lancaster, to get the books and papers belonging to the Treasurer's office	6 36
Sep. 16.	Blank book for Treasurer's office	1 00
Total		$2,647 91
Balance remaining in the Treasury this day		$632 62

The undersigned would respectfully state the manner, and for what purpose the bank stock above quoted came into his possession. After the adjournment of the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, it was found that there would remain in the Treasury, after deducting the sum necessary to meet all specific appropriations, a balance of about $330.

Deeming it good policy, in view of the present embarrassed condition of the monetary affairs of the Grand Lodge, to augment its resources by a judicious investment of the surplus on hand, the undersigned, on the 26th December last, with the advice and concurrence of our M. W. Grand Master, and other distinguished members, made a temporary investment of $309 of the surplus, by purchasing three shares of Exchange Bank stock, for which was paid $309, the current rate at which it then sold in the market. On the 5th of May last, a dividend of $8 52 was received and paid into the Treasury, and on the 12th inst., the shares were sold for the sum of $324, by which the Treasury has realized a net sum of $23 52, on an investment of $309, for the term of nine months.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY GRIFFITH, *Treasurer G. L. of Ohio.*

The special committee appointed at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, "to take possession and charge of the Grand Lodge lots, stone, and any other property at Lancaster; pay the taxes, and the same to sell for such sum or sums, in hand, and upon such credits, with interest on deferred payments, as in his discretion may appear for the interest of the Grand Lodge," respectfully reports:

In accordance with the resolution under which he was appointed, he took charge of the property of the Grand Lodge, at Lancaster and at once brought it into market.

The real estate he has not been able to dispose of. He could have sold it for $1200, on time, but not believing the interests of the Grand Lodge would be subserved by such a sale, he declined the offer.

All the stone which was on the lots when they came into his possession, has been sold during the past summer. This stone was sold at a great loss when compared with the original cost, but on the best terms that could be procured. A detailed statement of these sales, (being a transcript of the book in which the account of these sales was kept,) is hereto attached; by which it will be seen that a credit of $45 16, on the principal of Grand Lodge bond No. 50, was received in part payment for some of the stone, and that about $50 has not yet been collected. Nearly all the sales were made with the understanding that payment would not be required before the first of the present month, provided interest should be paid for the extension of time. The above balance yet due will be forwarded to the Grand Treasurer as soon as collected.

This committee was directed to pay over to the Grand Treasurer, from time to time, cash coming into his hands, but no funds were in the possession of this committe until within a few days, except what were required for disbursements, for taxes, etc.; and for the greater part of the time he had to advance money for these purposes himself.

The following is a statement of the collections and disbursements made by this committee:

M. A. DOUGHERTY, *Special Committee, in account with the Grand Lodge of Ohio:*

1846.		Dr.
Jan. 28.	To cash of H. M. Booth	$ 2 25
March 6.	" H. Rutter	2 62½
April 8.	" S. Sherrick	1 75
Oct. 1.	" P. V. Trump	18 10
13.	" J. McClelland	5 36
"	" S. Carpenter	0 50
16.	" English Lutheran Church	68 80
"	To part of Grand Lodge bond, No. 50	45 16
	Total debits	$144 54½

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1845.			
Dec. 30.	By paid,	corporation tax	$ 6 19½
"	"	postage	0 05
1846.			
Jan. 28.	"	for blank book	0 31
Feb. 6.	"	postage	0 10
Sept. 1.	"	postage	0 10
April 6.	"	State, county and school tax	14 46
"	"	on Grand Lodge bond, No. 50	45 16
17.	"	corporation tax	4 98
"	"	remitted to Grand Treasurer	73 19
	Total credits		$144 54½

The receipts for the taxes above charged are forwarded to the Grand Treasurer.

The box deposited in the corner stone of the Grand Lodge Hall, containing coins, books, etc., was removed by this committee and placed for safe keeping in the Hall of Lancaster Lodge, where it and its contents remain subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

Until within a few days ago, the undersigned anticipated the pleasure of being personally present at the approaching session of the Grand Lodge; but other engagements, imperative in their nature, making it necessary for him to remain at home, he forwards this, his report, to the M. W. Grand Master, to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

M. A. Dougherty, *Special Committee.*

Lancaster, Oct. 17, 1846.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, the account of Brother Sifford was referred to the standing committee on Accounts.

On motion of Brother *Baker*, the following proposition and inquiry were referred to a select committee of three, to whom similar subjects had been referred:

A. B. is initiated, passed, and received into C. Lodge, in Ohio, and, without being legally dimitted, removes to Indiana, where he becomes one of the petitioners for a new Lodge, and for some time continues to work in said Lodge; after which, he returns to the jurisdiction of C. Lodge, in Ohio. Has he ever been a member of the Lodge in Indiana, and will not his paying up his dues to C. Lodge (all other matters being in Masonic rule) constitute him a member of C. Lodge, in good standing?

On motion of Brother *Keith*, of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates from Columbian Lodge and Butlerville Lodge, be now permitted to take their seats in the Grand Lodge.

On motion, the memorial of Brother Highland was taken up, and referred to a select committee of three, to wit: Brothers Miller, Leidy and Taylor.

On motion of Brother *S. H. Smith*, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, the committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions relative to the dispensation and jewels of Minerva Lodge No. 98, by the Grand Lodge, recommended the adoption of the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of Minerva Lodge No. 98, for the sum of $38.25 — that sum being found to be due to said Lodge;" And *whereas* that sum has never been paid; *therefore*,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the said sum of $38.25.

The select committee, appointed to examine and report upon the merits of "The Craftsman," a work compiled and arranged by Brother Cornelius Moore, and published by Brother Jacob Ernst, at Cincinnati, having examined the same, report:

That they find it to be judiciously arranged, and in proper order — the language correct and expressive — the symbols rightly disposed, and the price so reasonable as to bring it within the reach of every Mason. The committee offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio approve of "The Craftsman," and recommend it to be used in the Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. FIELDING,
M. Z. KREIDER,
B. LATHAM
B. F. SMITH.

The report was agreed to, and the resolution adopted.

Brother *Griffith*, a member of a select committee upon certain resolutions introduced by Brother Hine, was excused from acting on said committee, and Brother W. B. Hubbard was appointed in his place.

On motion of M. W. Past Grand Master Brother *Anthony*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, William B. Thrall, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, Timothy Griffith, and the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bela Latham, be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine and adjust the books of accounts of the Grand Lodge; and should said committee find it necessary, they are authorized to introduce such a system for keeping the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and its members, as will insure accuracy, and at all times furnish the Grand Lodge with full and correct information upon its pecuniary affairs; and that said committee report their doings in the premises to the next annual grand communication of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Strickland*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of making inquiry of those Grand Lodges which have established schools for the benefit of the orphan children of deceased Masons, with a view of establishing a similar institution, whenever the funds of the Grand Lodge will permit; and that said committee be, and are hereby instructed to report at the next annual grand communication, in relation thereto.

Whereupon the following committee was appointed: Brothers Strickland, Anthony and Moore.

Brother *Barrere*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was adopted, and the resolution agreed to:

The committee on Unfinished Business have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully report: that upon examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its last grand communication, they find the following unfinished business:

First, on page 29—

"*Resolved*, That it is improper for a subordinate Lodge to reconsider a balloting for a candidate, when the same contains a black ball. Laid on the table."

Second, commencing on page 57—

"The select committee to whom was referred the inquiries of Bro. S. Reed, made the following report, which, on motion, was postponed until the next grand communication:

"The select committee, to whom was referred the following questions, viz: 1st, Should a member of a subordinate Lodge commit a flagrant outrage against the peace and dignity of said Lodge, has he a right to claim the ten days notice, as prescribed by the By-Laws of said Lodge? and 2d, When the Master or Secretary of a subordinate Lodge, for greater safety, deposits the Charter or Dispensation in an iron safe without the Lodge, yet within its reach at all times, does such deposit vitiate the legal existence of such Lodge?" report: That, in the opinion of your committee, no Lodge can proceed to suspend or expel a brother, except for the non-payment of dues, without first having given ten days notice; but the Masonic usage should not be so construed, as to prevent the Master for the time being, from maintaining the "peace and dignity" of his Lodge.

"And in answer to the second query, your committee are of opinion, that as the Charter of a Lodge is, in all cases, committed to the safe-keeping of the Master, it is his province to see that it is safely kept, within his reach and that of the Lodge; and it should always be within the Lodge during its communications."

Third, on page 56—

"*Resolved*, That the 16th section of the By-Laws be so amended, that the Secretary in the place of a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, shall be allowed seventy-five dollars per annum."

Fourth, on pages 56 and 57—

"The committee on Ways and Means made the following report, which is agreed to, excepting the resolution therein contained, the consideration of which was postponed until the next annual communication:

"The committee on Ways and Means would further report: That the report of a committee, recommending a resolution for the refunding of the dispensation fees paid by Tuscarawas Lodge, has been under consideration, and they herewith report: That, in their opinion, those fees cannot be refunded or remitted, without a violation of the Constitution, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge; and without also violating its express pledges to its creditors. Your committee therefore submit the following resolution for adoption;

"*Resolved*, That so much of the resolution, had under consideration, as relates to the refunding of the dispensation fee, be disagreed to."

And recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the resolution respecting the reconsideration of a balloting for a candidate, be referred to a select committee of three.

2. That the report of the select committee on the inquiries of Brother S. Reed, be referred to a select committee of three.

3. That the resolution proposing an alteration in the By-Laws, be referred to a select committee of three.

4. That the report and resolution respecting Tuscarawas Lodge, be referred to the select committee to whom certain resolutions offered by Brother Hine were referred.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. M. Barrere,
G. Steinman,
Israel Hoge,
Levi Gustin,
David Fagan.

The M. W. *Grand Master* announced the appointment of the following committees:

1. Select committee: Brothers Fielding, Jones and Morton.
2. Brothers Baker, Luce and Highland.
3. Brothers Hubbard, Caldwell and ———.

Brother *Hoge* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That Elias A. Miller be published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, as being expelled from Amity Lodge No. 5, for gross unmasonic conduct, in May, 1845, which report was omitted in the proceedings of last year.

On motion of Brother *Moore*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the representative of Montgomery Lodge No. 94, which has been authorized to resume its labors under its charter, be permitted to take his seat as a member of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Keith*, from the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the appeal from Clinton Lodge No. 47, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Keifer*, from the select committee to whom the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master was referred, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W.

Grand Master, to designate the appropriate committees to whom its several subjects should be referred, report: that they have had the same under consideration, and submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of said Communication as relates to charters and dispensations, be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations. That so much as relates to suspended Lodges, be referred to the select committee heretofore appointed upon that subject. That so much as relates to the monetary affairs of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means. That so much as relates to the state of Masonry, be referred to a select committee of five. That so much as relates to foreign correspondence, be referred to the standing committee upon that subject.

GEORGE KEIFER,
J. H. C. MILLER.

Whereupon, the following select committee was appointed by the M. W. Grand Master: Brothers Moore, Hiveling, Ernst, Beach and Hosmer.

On motion of Brother *Leidy*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 1 o'clock, P. M.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its labors, pursuant to adjournment; and Brother *Hubbard*, from the select committee upon the resolutions introduced by Brother Hine, proposing to authorize dormant Lodges to resume labor in certain cases, without the payment of a dispensation fee, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred the resolution providing for the refunding dispensation fees in certain cases, have had the same under consideration, and herewith report: That in the opinion of your committee, the adoption of such resolution would be in direct violation of Sec. 20, of the By-Laws and Constitution of this Grand body; and your committee further report and bring to the attention of the Grand Lodge, that at the last Grand Communication the same subject (see page 45) was fully investigated by a committee, and the conclusion of that body was had, in accordance with the views of your committee heretofore expressed, with a recommendation *that the Constitution and By-Laws be strictly observed.* Your committee therefore recommend that the pending resolution be indefinitely postponed.

W. B. HUBBARD,
J. M. BARRERE,
GEO. KEIFER.

Brother *Hubbard*, from the committee appointed upon the amendment of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, relating to the salary of the Grand Secretary, made the following report, which was ordered to lie upon the table:

The select committee, to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the By-Laws offered at last Communication, reducing the salary to seventy-five dollars, have had the same under consideration, and herewith report the same back without amendment, and recommend that the proposed amendment be agreed to.

W. B. HUBBARD,
J. M. BARRERE,
GEO. KEIFER.

The Grand Lodge was summoned from labor to refreshment; and proceeded, according to the programme reported by the committee upon the celebration of the day, to the Methodist Church, on Third street.

The exercises were opened by an appropriate prayer, by our Rev. Brother *Wm. H. Raper*, and succeeded by music from the Choir of the Church, and the Band provided by the fraternity living in Dayton, under the direction of D. Tuttle.

Whereupon our M. W. Past Grand Master, *Charles Anthony*, arose, and in the following pertinent and eloquent address on behalf of the American Bible Society, presented to the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, a beautiful copy of the Holy Scriptures:

Most Worshipful Grand Master—

In this enlightened age of the world, there are but few who will pretend to believe that Masonry is either a matter of mere amusement, or a sordid, selfish, mercenary Institution, aiming to promote the pecuniary interests or the ambition of its members. Mankind in general, are now willing to admit that this very ancient and honorable Institution aims to assist men to discharge with fidelity their duty to God, their duty to themselves, and their duty to one another; and that it is influenced and directed by a broad, comprehensive philanthropy. But how could it attain these important objects without the *Scriptures of Truth—the Sacred Revelation of God to Man*—Faith in God, as he is there revealed—Holiness to the Lord, our Creator in Life—as necessary to the precious Hope of Immortality, and an enlarged benevolence—Charity to all mankind? Without this *Great Light* in Masonry—this inestimable gift of our Heavenly Father—we should grope our way in darkness. Hence, every Lodge is, and every Mason is, or ought to be, furnished with the Holy Bible; and, I will add, ought to show that it is received as the rule and guide of Faith and of Life, by obeying its teachings and practicing its precepts. We know, by Masonic tradition, that the *Book of the Law* was preserved in the archives of Masonry, after the days of King Solomon, when it was lost to the rest of mankind. This precious Volume, therefore, so important to the happiness and the hopes of man, is prized by Masons as their Great Light. And it gives me great pleasure to be the instrument of presenting this beautiful copy of the Holy Bible to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as a present from our beloved Brother, *William P. Strickland*, agent for the American Bible Society. Take it—preserve it—read it—and let us all endeavor to obey it.

In reply to the foregoing address, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, *William B. Thrall*, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, arose and accepted the invaluable donation, in the following language:

Brother—In the name and in the behalf of the Fraternity of Ohio, here represented, I accept this cherished Volume, which is the acknowledged rule of our faith, and guide of our Masonic action.

There may be those, who, jealous of our mysteries, and viewing our Order through the perverted medium of prejudice, may wonder what use Free Masonry can have for the Bible! Could such but prevail upon themselves to lay aside their preconceived opinions, and judge of us—as they would themselves be judged—by our standard publications, they would cease to marvel upon this point.

What are Masonic mysteries? They are derived from *The Book*, and pervade it from Genesis to Revelation. The organization of matter from chaos—the bringing of light from darkness—the deliverance of Israel from bondage—the miracle at the Red Sea—the wonders wrought by Moses in the wilderness—the erection, dedication and destruction of the gorgeous Temple—the founding of the second Temple—the treason of Judas—the timely sympathy and constancy (even to a martyr's reward,) of the Syro-Phœnician merchant, the venerable "man of Cyrene, Simon by name"—the doubts of Thomas—the shipwreck and rescue at Melita, where "the barbarous people showed no little kindness"—these, *these* savor of Masonic mysteries! In the world of letters and of hieroglyphics, Masonry and the Bible are one and identical.

You will have the goodness to communicate to the generous donor, and to the Society of which he is the worthy agent, our grateful acknowledgments for this well chosen expression of regard. It shall be cherished in our halls, read in our assemblies, and govern our Masonic action.

The Rev. *William P. Strickland* then proceeded to deliver the Oration prepared for the occasion, and was listened to with attention by the crowded auditory. The symbols of Freemasonry, their signification and mystic language, was the principal subject of his address. No one, we presume, could find fault with the beautiful truths they symbolize, or the lessons of virtue, benevolence, charity and love, which they silently and yet so eloquently speak. The plain, candid and impressive style of the orator was happily adapted to the subject and the occasion, and left a good impression upon the audience. The exercises at the church were concluded with prayer, music and the benediction; when the procession again formed and returned to the Lodge.

HALF-PAST SIX O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met in pursuance to its own adjournment.

Brother *Keith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report, that they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Chandler Lodge, at London, in Madison county, and find them in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

They have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Bucyrus Lodge, at Bucyrus, in Crawford county, and find the same in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, except the last clause of Sec. 2, in Article 6. They recommend to strike out the words "to conferring the degree," and insert, "to the ballot being passed." They also recommend the striking out of the entire 3d Section of Article 11.

They have also examined the request of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, for a duplicate copy of their charter. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That charters issue to Chandler Lodge, at London, Madison county, to be No. 138; to Bucyrus Lodge, at Bucyrus, in Crawford county, to be No. 139; also, that the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a duplicate charter to Lafayette Lodge No. 79, in compliance with their request.

F. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL REED,
SAMUEL GLENNY,
DANIEL H. WHEELER.

Brother *Keith*, from the same committee, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report: That they have examined the despensation, By-Laws and proceedings of the following Lodges, and find them correct: Sharon Lodge No. —, in Sharon, Morgan county; and Harrisville, No. —, Harrisville, Medina county. They have also examined the amended By-Laws of Lafayette Lodge No. 79; and King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection, and find them in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That charters issue to Sharon Lodge in Sharon, Morgan county, to be num-

bered 136; to Harrisville Lodge, in Harrisville, Medina county, to be No. 137; and that the amended By-Laws of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, and of King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection No. 83, be and the same are hereby approved.

Your committee have also examined the By-Laws and proceedings of Xenia Lodge No. 49, at Xenia, in Greene county, and West Union Lodge No. 43, in West Union, Adams county, and find them in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. They therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the two above named Lodges have issued to them a charter under the resolution relating to Hiram Lodge, in Delaware county, contained in the special report of this committee.

The committee further report upon the application of Wyllys Welton, for a dispensation for a Lodge at Richfield, Summit county, that the same cannot be granted except upon the petition of eight Master Masons, (one of whom must be a Past Master,) and the deposit of the fifty dollar dispensation fee.

Upon the application of E. T. Carson, and seven others, your committee recommend the issuing of a dispensation. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. Keith,
Samuel Glenny,
Daniel H. Wheeler.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Brother Scott.

On motion of Brother *Keith*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates from Sharon Lodge No. 136; from Harrisville Lodge No. 137; from Xenia Lodge No. 49; from West Union Lodge No. 43; from Chandler Lodge No. 138, and from Bucyrus Lodge No. 139, be permitted to take their seats as such delegates in the Grand Lodge, upon their presenting the receipt of the Grand Secretary for dues.

In pursuance of the resolution upon that subject, the Grand Lodge went into an election of its officers for the year ensuing; whereupon the following Grand Officers were declared duly elected:

M. W. William B. Thrall, Columbus, Grand Master.
R. W. George Keifer, Troy, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Michael Z. Kreider, Lancaster, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Jona. N. Burr, Mt. Vernon, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Timothy Griffith, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " Benj. F. Smith, Mt. Vernon, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow.

W. B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

Thursday, October 23, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, same Grand Officers and brethren as on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Jarvis*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby tendered to R. W. Rev. William P. Strickland, for his very able and appropriate address, delivered before this body, and that the Secretary request a copy for publication with the proceedings of the grand communication.

On motion of Brother *Jarvis*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to a revised edition of the *Book of Constitutions*, embracing the Constitution, By-Laws, etc., of this Grand Lodge, be referred to a select committee of three.

Whereupon, Brothers Jarvis, Griffith and Bancroft were appointed said committee.

Brother *Keith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following reports, which were agreed to, and the resolution as amended adopted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the Secretary of Carroll Lodge No. 124, be and he is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, *to demand and receive*, from the late officers of New Lisbon Lodge No. 65, the jewels, carpets, and other personal property of every description, belonging to said New Lisbon Lodge, under the provisions of the 21st section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and to retain the same until further ordered by the Grand Lodge"—

Have had the same under consideration, and report the same back, with the following proposed amendment, to wit:

Strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert, "That the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge appoint a brother to demand and receive, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, from the late officers of New Lisbon Lodge, the jewels, and such other property as the Grand Lodge is entitled to receive, and which may now be in the possession of said Lodge, and which has become forfeited under the 21st section of the By-Laws, and to retain the same, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge."

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL REED,
F. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL GLENNY,
DAN. H. WHEELER.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, through their Chairman, made the following report, which was agreed to, and resolution concurred in:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report: That they have examined the amended By-Laws of Rising Sun Lodge No. 22, and find them in compliance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, except the 8th section. They recommend an alteration in this to correspond with the requirements of the 7th rule and regulation for the government of the Lodges of Ohio. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended By-Laws of Rising Sun Lodge No. 22, be, and the same are hereby approved.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL REED,
F. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL GLENNY,
DAN. H. WHEELER.

Brother *Jarvis*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to, and resolutions concurred in:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report:

That they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Coshocton Lodge, and find them in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, with the following exceptions:

They recommend to said Lodge to strike out the words "and balance be paid before the initiation of the candidate," in the 1st Section of Article 6. They also recommend the striking out of Section 2, same Article, all after the word "installments." They also recommend to said Lodge, to strike out all of the 3d Section in the same Article.

They have also examined the amended By-Laws of Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, and find them in compliance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, with the following exception: They recommend said Lodge so to amend Article 2d of said By-Laws, as to read, "a Senior and Junior Warden, and a Senior and Junior Deacon."

They have also examined the memorials of Leesburg Lodge, praying an amendment of the 15th Section of the Rules of the Grand Lodge, for the regulation of subordinate Lodges, and hereby report against the prayer of said memorialists. They have also examined the By-Laws and proceedings of Batavia Lodge No. 109, together with the papers submitted by the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to the suspension and resuscitation of said Lodge, and find the same in compliance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, with the following exceptions: They recommend to said Lodge so to amend the 2d Article, that it will read "one Senior and one Junior Warden, and one Senior and one Junior Deacon." They also recommend an amendment to the 5th Section, so that the same will comply with the 10th Rule of the Grand Lodge, "for the government of the Lodges of Ohio." They also recommend such an amendment of Article 9 in said By-Laws as to comply with the 7th Article of the aforesaid Rules of the Grand Lodge.

They have also examined the amended By-Laws of Leesburg Lodge No. 78, and find the same in compliance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, with the following exceptions: They recommend that Article 5, Section 1, be amended by striking out the words conferring the degree, and insert "balloting." They also recommend to said Lodge, that they strike out entirely the 7th Section of Article 7; the penalty in such case being contained in rules 22 and 23 of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges. Your committee would also suggest to said Lodge the propriety of modifying the restrictions contained in the 4th Section of Article 4 of said By-Laws.

Your committee thereupon recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That a charter issue to Coshocton Lodge, to be No. 96; that the amended By-Laws of the Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge No 2, be, and the same are hereby approved. That the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to Batavia Lodge No. 109, and the By-Laws of said Lodge, be, and the same are approved. That the amended By-Laws of Leesburg Lodge No. 78, be, and the same are hereby approved.

2. That Coshocton Lodge No. 96, have the term of sixty days in which to pay the dues of said Lodge, and that the Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to forward to said Lodge a certified copy of these resolutions, within ten days from the rising of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL REED,
F. M. KEITH,
SAMUEL GLENNY,
DAN. H. WHEELER.

Brother *Keith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was referred to a select committee of Brothers Hubbard, Keith and Dunn:

The undersigned, members of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the By-Laws, etc., of Coshocton Lodge, in Coshocton county, beg leave to state, that they cannot agree with the balance of the committee, in permitting said Lodge to retain in their By-Laws the 2d Section of Article 9, which reads as follows: "Any brother of the Lodge, who is under the degree of Master, shall be entitled to the same privilege of dimission as members." They base their dissent to said Section upon the 14th Rule of the Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio, which reads as follows: "No one can become a member of a subordinate Lodge, or be entitled to a vote therein, until he has received the third degree in Masonry." It is, it seems to the undersigned, difficult to conceive that it would be proper for a subordinate Lodge to enter upon its books, that a certain person, who was not at the time a member of said Lodge, had been dimitted.

In thus expressing our views, we do not wish to be understood as opposing, but, on the contrary, of conceding the right to every Lodge of Master Masons to grant, in their discretion, certificates to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, showing their Masonic right and moral standing.

The undersigned would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, in addition to the one already proposed, in relation to said Coshocton Lodge:

Resolved, That it be recommended to said Coshocton Lodge, at Coshocton, to strike out of their code of By-Laws the 2d Section of Article 9.

All which is respectfully submitted,

F. M. Keith,
Dan. H. Wheeler.

Brother *Hubbard*, from a select committee, made a report, which was agreed to, as follows:

The select committee, to whom was referred so much of the minority report of the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, as relates to the By-Laws of Coshocton Lodge, touching the dimission of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, report the same back, with a modification of that report [as above] agreed to by such committee, and recommend the adoption of such report.

W. B. Hubbard,
F. M. Keith,
Jas. Dunn.

Brother *Vattier*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which, on motion, was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances to whom were referred the proceedings of Minerva Lodge No. 98, in relation to the expulsion of Morgan Kenderdine, together with the appeal of said Kenderdine to the Grand Lodge for redress, report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and, from the testimony offered, are of opinion that the action of said Lodge should be sustained.

J. L Vattier,
Tho. Maxfield,
Wm. H. Hall,
Franklin Boon,
Sam'l Beach.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

One o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to its own adjournment. The same Grand Officers and delegates present.

Brother *Miller*, from the select committee to which the subject was referred. made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Milford Lodge No. 54, praying the remission of their Grand Lodge dues, for the past and several future years, have had the same under consideration, and report as follows :

That, in the present state of the monetary affairs of the Grand Lodge, the prayer of the memorial should not be granted.

In this connection, though not strictly within the duty of this committee, they beg leave to say, that they do not conceive it proper that any dues should be remitted, or any money expended, which the letter of a strict economy will retain in the Treasury, so long as the Grand Lodge is so largely in debt; that it is neither expedient nor just.

The committee have felt a gratification, which they do not doubt every member of the Grand Lodge will also feel, and feel warmly, that the Milford Lodge has, as shown by this memorial, done so much to promote the prosperity of the Order within their proper region, and wish they could with propriety recommend them some aid from the Grand Lodge Treasury, in liquidating the debt they have so generously encountered to this end; but the propriety of such an act at this time, and under the present condition of its finances, they cannot conceive it proper even to entertain for a moment.

They therefore recommend the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial ought not to be granted, and that the said Milford Lodge No. 54, have leave to withdraw the same.

JAMES H. C. MILLER,
JOHN LEIDY,
GEORGE TAYLOR.

Brother *Fielding*, from the select committee to which the subject was referred, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, on page 29 of the Grand Lodge proceedings, for the year 1845 — "*Resolved*, That it is improper for a subordinate Lodge to reconsider a balloting for a candidate when the same contains a black ball" — have had the same under consideration, and report —

That they find, by reference to No. 7, of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges, that "a *unanimous* vote must be had in favor of the applicant for each degree." Your committee find nothing in the Rules for the government of subordinate Lodges to prohibit a second balloting.

The committee further report, that formerly there was a By-Law requiring subordinate Lodges, in case a black ball was found, in balloting for any degree, that a second ballot should be taken; and on such second balloting, if there appeared a black ball, the candidate was rejected. Your committee are of opinion that it is still competent for a subordinate Lodge, if a black ball should be found, on balloting for any degree, either Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or Master Mason, to proceed to ballot a second time, as on the first balloting a black ball might have been put in through mistake. But in no case, in the opinion of your committee, would it be proper for a subordinate Lodge to reconsider a balloting at any subsequent meeting, unless all the members of the former meeting are present.

WM. FIELDING,
WILMETH JONES.

Brother *J. Y. Hopkins*, introduced the following resolution, which was ordered to lie upon the table:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Zanesville, Muskingum county, on the third Tuesday in October, 1847.

Brother *Fielding*, from the select committee to which the subject was referred, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee have had under consideration the following queries, propounded by Brother Luce, viz:

"Information is desired of the Grand Lodge, on the following subjects to wit:

"At page 52, of Rules and Regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge, for the Government of the Lodges of Ohio —

"'A subordinate Lodge shall consist,' etc. 'The officers above enumerated shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of votes, at the stated meetings in November or December, annually,' etc.; and the Ancient Constitutions, at page 12, declares that the Master of every Lodge shall be annually chosen, by ballot, on some stated Lodge night.

"By the By Laws of Oxford Lodge No. 67, article 2d, 'The officers of this Lodge shall be elected,' etc.: Provided, always, that it shall be lawful to hold a special election, at any stated meeting, to fill any vacancy that may occur by death, removal, or resignation.'

"At page 37, of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, 1844, 'The committee on Charters and Dispensations report as follows, to wit: We have also examined the By-Laws of Oxford Lodge No. 67. and find them in strict accordance with the requirements of this Grand Lodge;' which report was agreed to.

"Now, can Oxford Lodge elect a Master to fill any vacancy that has occurred, or may hereafter occur, by death or removal, to say nothing about resignation? and if not, is the Senior Warden W. M., and is it proper for him to sign his name to Diplomas, or proceedings of Lodge, as W. M? and if so, what station is vacant — the Senior or Junior Warden's? and if either, can it be filled except at the annual election of officers of said Lodge?

"At page 14, Ancient Constitutions, section 5th: 'The Secretary shall keep a proper register or

record of all transactions and proceedings of the Lodge, that are to be committed to writing; which shall be faithfully entered in the Lodge books, from the minutes taken in open Lodge, after being duly read; amended if necessary; and approved of before the close of every meeting,' etc.

"The question is, should a Lodge omit or neglect to read and approve of the record made, at any stated meeting before the close of such meeting, as above required, whether at a subsequent stated meeting, those who were not Master Masons at the time the record was made, and should have been approved, can, at a subsequent meeting, vote for or against the approval, although they may have been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, after the record was made, and previous to the meeting to which it was presented for approval?

"When an account or claim is made against a Lodge at a stated meeting, and rejected, is it lawful or proper, without a reconsideration of such vote, for such Lodge to donate the amount claimed, (as a donation, when the Brother is not a subject of charity,) at a subsequent meeting of the Lodge, and when no Brother, who had voted with the majority rejecting the claim, could be prevailed on to move a reconsideration of the vote by which it was rejected? A. LUCE."

The committee report, that, in the second Rule for the government of Lodges, provision is made that, "in the absence of the Master, the Senior and Junior Warden according to rank, shall succeed to the duties of the station." It is the opinion of your committee, therefore, that, in the absence of the Master, or in case of his death, resignation, or removal, the Senior Warden, if present, is W. M., *pro tem.*, and has a right to perform all the duties of the Chair; and in affixing his signature, officially, to any paper, order or diploma, should affix it as W. M. *pro tem.* In his absence, the Junior Warden, in assuming the duties, would also be W. M., *pro tem.*, and should so affix his signature. The office vacant, (in the opinion of your committee,) in the absence of the Master alone, would be that of Junior Warden, as he, according to rank, will fill the vacancy of the Senior. In the absence of the Master and Senior Warden, the offices vacant, and to be filled, *pro tem.* by the presiding officer, would be that of both Senior and Junior Warden. Your committee are of opinion, that the proviso in article 2d, of the By-Laws of Oxford Lodge No. 67, is inconsistent with the 1st and 2d Rules for the government of subordinate Lodges in Ohio; as said rules require the election to be held annually alone, and authorize and provide that, in case of the absence of the Master, how his station shall be filled.

Your committee further report, that, in their opinion, a neglect to read and approve the minutes, at every regular meeting, is highly reprehensible; but should such reading and approval be omitted until the next meeting, all Master Masons present (being actual members) are legally entitled to vote on all propositions submitted to the Lodge for its action.

Your committee further report, that, in their opinion, it is competent for a Lodge to take such action, in reference to claims against it, as may seem to it just and proper. Nor, in the opinion of your committee, should the Grand Lodge countenance, in her action, those trivial diversities of opinion among the members of subordinate Lodges, by a reference of them to committees of their body.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Oxford Lodge No. 67, be required to amend the By-Laws of said Lodge, by striking out the proviso in the 2d article.

Your committee further report: That it is a matter entirely within the discretion of the Lodge, whether a member of it has forfeited his membership by temporarily absenting himself from its communication,—whether removing without its jurisdiction in his own State, or into another State. The By-Laws of the subordinate Lodge are the only criteria by which to determine his rights; and the subordinate Lodge the proper tribunal to adjust those rights.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. FIELDING,
SAMUEL BEACH.

Brother *Vattier*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances, to which were referred the proceedings and record of Clinton Lodge No. 47, at a communication of said Lodge, held on the third day of October, A. L. 5846, have had the proceedings under consideration, and submit the following report:

It appears, by the copy of the record submitted to your committee, that Brother F. M. Keith moved that the Secretary be instructed to charge dues to Brother T. P. Abbott, commencing at the expiration of his sentence of suspension, which, on motion, was duly recorded. The W. M. thereupon decided the motion out of order, and assigned as his reason therefor, that Brother T. P. Abbott is not a member of this Lodge, by reason of his having been suspended; from which decision *an appeal was taken* to the Lodge, and the Lodge refused to sustain the W. M. in his decision; and thereupon the question recurring upon the original motion, the same was passed. Whereupon, Brother F. M. Keith gave notice of an appeal to the Grand Lodge from the decision of the Lodge upon the question of order. The facts here disclosed, show that a member was suspended; that his term of suspension had expired; and that a brother member of the Lodge, after such expiration, made a motion that the Secretary of the Lodge be instructed to charge dues to the brother who had been suspended; that the Master of the Lodge ruled said motion out of order, and gave as his reason therefor, that the party suspended, by reason of his suspension, was not a member of the Lodge; and that from such decision of the Master, *an appeal* was taken to the Lodge; that the Lodge overruled the decision of the Master [!] and that from these proceedings an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge.

Upon these facts your committee desire briefly to state their opinions. We suppose that by the expiration of the term of suspension, the suspended member was readmitted to the rights and obligations incident to membership; that the motion of the brother, directing the course of the Secretary, was entirely authorized, competent, legal, and violative of no Masonic or parliamentary law, and that the appeal from the decision of the Master, overruling the motion, was lawful and proper.[!*]

All which is most respectfully submitted.

J. L. Vattier,
Samuel Beach,
Thomas Maxfield,
Franklin Boon,
W. H. Hall.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to, and the resolutions adopted:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the order of Brother J. T. Arthur, late Grand Secretary, for thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents, recommend that the same be paid; and they further recommend that all amounts, if any are due by him to the Grand Lodge, be deducted from the same, and the balance, if any, paid over.

They have carefully examined the account of Brother D. Sifford, late Superintendent of the Grand Lodge Hall, and from the best information they can obtain in relation to the facts, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That Brother D. Sifford be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty-five dollars and forty-four cents, being the balance due him, as principal and interest, on a certificate signed by W. J. Reese, as chairman of the Building Committee of the Grand Lodge Hall, from statement dated October, 1843, if there be a surplus in the treasury, if not, by a Grand Lodge bond.

2. That the sum of two dollars and fifty cents be allowed the present Grand Secretary for amount paid by him for postage, etc.

3. That the sum of one hundred and fifteen dollars be allowed and paid Brother Chas. Scott, for printing for the Grand Lodge, as appears in the following account:

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* Publishing Committee.

Grand Lodge of Ohio, to C. Scott & Co.		Dr.
Dec. 23, 1845.	For twenty-five copies Constitution	$5 00
March 27, 1846.	For printing 600 copies proceedings, 1845	101 50
Sept. 1, "	For printing 150 circulars, (Grand Secretary)	6 00
Oct. 16, "	For printing two quires receipts	2 50
Total		$115 00

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
NORMAN ROOT,
HUGH TREVOR,
D. H. MURPHY,
W. T. GOODWIN.

Brother *Jarvis*, from the select committee, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to the revised edition of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, report: That they have had the same under consideration, and in view of the importance of that work to this body, and the subordinate Lodges, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and is hereby directed to purchase five hundred copies of the revised edition of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, published by Brother Chas. Scott, under the direction of this Grand body; and that he transmit one copy to each subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; one copy to each officer of this Grand body, and sell the remaining copies at twenty-five cents each, and the funds so received pay into the Treasury.

KENT JARVIS,
S. H. BANCROFT,
T. GRIFFITH.

Brother *Baker*, from a select committee, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the report of the select committee on the inquiries of Brother S. Reed, be referred to a select committee of three," report: That they have examined the inquiries of Brother Reed, and report thereon, and have come to the following conclusions:

Inquiry 1st.—"Should a member of a subordinate Lodge commit a *flagrant outrage* against the peace and dignity of said Lodge, has he a right to claim the ten days notice, as prescribed by the By-Laws of said Lodge?" We are of opinion that he has not. See Chap. 9, Art. 11, "Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio," page 53.

Your committee suppose that the former committee predicated their opinion on Article 23, same Chapter, (see page 55,) and that this Article covers those cases wherein the brother charged would have some difficulty in obtaining and bringing together testimony; but that the inquiry of Brother Reed alludes to those offences committed in the Lodge, and that in cases of that kind the testimony will necessarily be present, as also, the offending brother, and that they demand immediate action, as required by Art. 11, page 53, before alluded to and read.

And in answer to second inquiry, viz: "When the Master or Secretary of a subordinate Lodge, for greater safety, deposits the charter or dispensation in an iron safe without the Lodge, yet within its reach at all times, does such deposit vitiate the legal existence of such Lodge?" Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that it does not, and therefore concur in the views expressed in the report of the former select committee on that subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. H. BAKER,
A. LUCE,
WM. HIGHLAND.

On motion, Brother Jewett was excused from any further attendance upon the Grand Lodge during its present session.

On motion of Brother *Baker*, the following proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge were ordered to lie over for consideration at the next grand annual communication:

WHEREAS, in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Chap. 8, Sec. 22, page 48, it is made the imperative duty of the Master of every subordinate Lodge to cause the Secretary to write "suspended," every member who shall be in arrears, and forthwith to notify him of the same; *and whereas*, there are conflicting opinions in regard to the proper mode of reïnstating such suspended brother; *Therefore*,

Resolved, That a payment of *such dues*, within three months from the time of receiving notice of such suspension, reïnstates such suspended brother to his former standing.

2. That when any brother suspended for the non-payment of dues, shall refuse or neglect to pay such dues for six months, he then shall be expelled.

Brother *Work* offered the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which, on motion, were ordered to lie over until the next annual grand communication:

1. That it shall be the duty of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to require all Master Masons living within their jurisdiction, who are not members of any Lodge, to pay into the treasury of said subordinate Lodges the sum of one dollar and fifty cents yearly, which money shall be set apart as a charity fund, and be used for no other purpose.

2. That the subordinate Lodges are hereby authorized to suspend or expel any Master Mason within their jurisdiction, who shall refuse to pay the same, unless in their opinnion, his pecuniary circumstances would render the collection improper.

Brother *Griswold*, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Foreign Correspondence report, that they have had submitted to them the published proceedings of the following Grand Lodges for the past year, viz: of Indiana, Virginia, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Maryland, Michigan, Arkansas, Illinois, Mississippi, Florida, Missouri, Alabama and Maine, comprising a mass of printed matter, and reviewing many topics of the highest interest to the craft, including the subjects of education, the establishment of a General Grand Lodge, the *pros* and *cons* relative to the Representative System, the jurisdiction of Lodges, Grand Lodge certificates and their effect, Grand Inspectors, etc.; the subject of duelling, the progressive state of Masonry, and many other topics relating to Masonic jurisprudence of particular interest to all Lodges, requiring more time, even for a cursory reading, to say nothing of investigating, digesting and so arranging the same as to throw any additional light thereon, or to satisfy your committee, than has been allotted, without totally neglecting the several duties of the respective members thereof in the Grand Lodge. Without attempting to enter into details, therefore, we can only state the impossibility of doing justice to these important matters during the session of the Grand Lodge, and ask leave for further time to prepare a report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. GRISWOLD,
KENT JARVIS,
A. DEATH,
N. BENJAMIN,
J. CORNELIUS.

Brother *Gotshall*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Ways and Means, herewith submit their report.

From all the facts and data to which your committee have had access, and the best information within their reach, (and they believe that the diligence and fidelity of the select committee upon the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge, have furnished a correct statement of all the pecuniary affairs of this body up to the commencement of the present session,) the following appears to be the true state of our financial condition:

Total amount of liabilities of the Grand Lodge on the first day of its present communication	$2,387 94
Expenses incurred for the present communication of the Grand Lodge, including the (estimated) pay roll	2,167 71
Making a total, at the end of the present session, of	$4,555 65
To meet this amount of claims, your committee find the amount of means, including the balance in the Treasury, to be about	$4,100 00
Leaving a balance to be provided for, of	455 65
Total	$4,555 65

Which will as your committee believe, meet all the debts and liabilities of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, up to the present time. Your committee would here remark, that they are unable, as yet, to state the financial condition of the Grand Lodge with perfect exactness, because the committee on the Pay Roll has not yet completed its labors so far as to enable it to communicate the exact amount which will be required for that object; which compels your committee to rely upon estimate for that amount, and also for the amount of available means in the Treasury after the Grand Lodge shall adjourn, but are well assured that it will not vary materially from the amount above stated.

In arriving at the result above stated, your committee have not included in their estimate the lots in Lancaster, belonging to the Grand Lodge, as any portion of the available means of the Grand Lodge for the discharge of her indebtedness, but have left them entirely out of the question, and rely exclusively upon other, and as your committee fully believe, ample resourses for the accomplishment of that object. And the facts above presented clearly show, that, without disposing of those lots, the Grand Lodge will, by persevering in the system of finance and rigid economy which has already produced such gratifying results, be enabled, at its next annual communication to discharge every debt it owes, and leave the property in Lancaster to be disposed of or appropriated in such manner, and for such objects as shall hereafter be considered most conducive to the honor and best calculated to promote the interests of the fraternity.

Under the view of the condition of the finances, as it now presents itself to your committee, after a careful investigation, we cannot refrain from congratulating the fraternity in Ohio, as well as throughout the Union, upon the elevated spectacle, which is now presented by this Grand Lodge, which, a few short years since, was borne down by pecuniary embarrassment—her energies paralyzed, her honor in danger, and her integrity brought into question by the world—having, by praiseworthy perseverance in well-doing, aided by the zeal of the craft, and the faithful application of her resources, freed herself from any debt which can embarrass her future operations—extricated herself from the difficulties which, for a season, hung upon her exertions and retarded her operations.

With regard to the real estate in Lancaster, your committee would recommend that, as there is now a proposition before another committee of the Grand Lodge, to establish a school for the education of the orphan children of poor worthy Masons, the lots in that town remain (unsold) in the hands of the select committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge, as a nucleus of a fund for that laudable purpose—a purpose which, if successfully carried into effect, will add much to the honor and glory of our venerable and venerated institution, as well as be a means in its hands of transforming the minds of the descendants of the more unfortunate portion of our brethren, from the condition of the rude unshapen likeness of the stone in the quarry, to that of the perfect ashler, shaped and prepared by the hand of the Master Workmen, into living stones—useful in adorning and strengthening the social, moral, political and religious edifice of our country.

Your committe find, on page 37, of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in 1845, a resolution appointing a committee "fully authorized to consider and determine the propriety of renewing the charter of Northern Light Lodge No. 40," and that, by the action of said committee, there is an obligation in the hands of the Treasurer, payable after ten days' notice, as well as that there is still some personal property belonging to the

Grand Lodge in the town of Lancaster; and in view of these facts, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby instructed to demand and receive, of Northern Light Lodge No. 40, the payment of the fee of fifty dollars, agreeably to the stipulations of the obligation of that Lodge in his hands.

2. That the select committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge, be continued, and that said committee be instructed to take charge of the real and personal property belonging to the Grand Lodge, in Lancaster and elsewhere, not specifically placed in charge of any other officer or committee, with power to sell the personal property, if it shall be deemed expedient, for such price as can be obtained.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Wm. McCammon,
Sam. H. Bancroft,
H. Kuhn,
Dan. Gotshall,
R. H. Dodge.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution, offered by Brother *Benjamin*, were agreed to:

Whereas, the Charter of Hiram Lodge of West Alexandria, Preble county, and Libanus Lodge, of Lewisburg, in same county, each bear the same number, by the mistake of the Grand Secretary, or otherwise; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to adjust and fix the numbers of said charters, and report accordingly.

Whereupon, Brothers Benjamin, Copelen and Bolenz, were appointed said committee.

Brother *Barrere*, offered the following amendments to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, which, on motion, was referred to a select committee of three, to wit: Brothers Barrere, Brock and Gustin.

Resolved, That the 15th article of the Rules and Regulations governing the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, be, and is hereby all stricken out after the word "Lodge," in the first line, and the following inserted: "But the one nearest his residence: *Provided*, he may be received into any other Lodge, by the consent of the three principal officers of said nearest Lodge."

On motion of Brother *Caldwell*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That all the officers of the Grand Lodge be entitled to mileage and per diem the same as representatives, where such officer does not receive pay from any other source.

On motion of Brother *Hopkins*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the committee on Foreign Communications have until the proceedings of this grand communication are prepared for publication, to make their report to the M. W. Grand Master for his approval, to be inserted in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *F. M. Wright*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer and Secretary be a committee for the purpose of procuring a suitable case for the Holy Bible presented to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on this day, by the Agent of the American Bible Society, Brother *William P. Strickland;* and that said committee also ascertain, if in their power, the name, age, date of election and time of service, of each of the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, down to the present, and register the same in the said Bible; and that said Bible be kept by the same officer, and preserved in like manner with the other jewels of the Lodge.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the report of the special committee that was appointed by the Grand Lodge, at the last communication, "to take possession and charge of the Grand Lodge lots, stone, and other property at Lancaster, belonging to the Grand Lodge," report: That they have examined said special com-

mittee's report, and find the same *correct.* That they have also examined the Grand Treasurer's account, together with his vouchers, and find the same *correct.*

And your committee take pleasure in stating, that much credit is due to the Grand Treasurer for the faithful and judicious manner in which he has discharged the duties of said office the past year.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. SHINNICK,
HUGH TREVOR,
N. ROOT,
W. T. GOODWIN.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

W. B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

FRIDAY, October 23, 1846.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Brother *Mc Cammon,* from the committee on Ways and Means, offered for adoption the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the following accounts, reported by the committee on Accounts to be due:

Grand Lodge bond, No. 59	$142 25
Interest on funded debt to 21st instant	118 07
Brother John Barney	17 58

Brother *Barrere,* from the select committee to whom was referred the resolution proposing an amendment to Rule XV, made the following report, which, on motion, was ordered to lie over one year, for further consideration:

The select committee to whom was referred the resolution proposing an amendment to Rule XV, for the government of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that said 15th rule be so altered and amended, by striking out all after the word "Lodge," in the first line, and inserting the following: "But the one nearest his residence: *Provided,* he may be received in any other Lodge, by the consent of the three principal officers of said nearest Lodge; *and provided, further,* that, in a city or town, any Lodge therein may receive an applicant, resident of such city or town."

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BARRERE,
M. D. BROCK,
LEVI GUSTIN.

Brother *Brock* offered the following:

I intend, at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to offer an amendment to the 15th rule of the Rules and Regulations governing the subordinate Lodges, by striking out all after the word "Lodge," in the first line, and inserting the following: "But the one nearest his residence: *Provided,* he may be received in any other Lodge, by the consent of the three principal officers of said nearest Lodge: *provided, further,* that, in a town or city, he may be received into any Lodge, without regard to residence."

M. D. BROCK.

Brother *Kreider,* from the committee on Charity, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charity report: That no subject has been brought before them requiring the attention of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Z. KREIDER,
C. MOORE.

On motion of Brother *Mc Cammon*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on the Pay Roll be instructed, in making their report, to include four days service.

On motion of Brother *Vattier*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That we now proceed to determine the place for holding the next session of the Grand Lodge, and that the question be taken by yeas and nays.

Whereupon, upon calling the roll of Lodges, the question was decided in favor of Zanesville, by a vote of 136 to 80.

On motion of Brother *Jarvis*, to following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be on the third Tuesday of October, A. L. 5847.

Brother *Benjamin*, from the select committee to whom was referred the subject of the misnumbering certain Lodges, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred the subject of conflicting numbers of Hiram and Libanus Lodges, have had the same under consideration, and do now report:

That each charter bears the number of 88; that Hiram Lodge being of the oldest date, is entitled to its present number; that the Secretary of Libanus Lodge alter the number in said charter to that of eighty; and that said Libanus Lodge bear that number in future, in rank with the Lodges of this state.

All which is respectfully submitted,

N. Benjamin,
J. Bolenz,
I. C. Copelen.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolutions were agreed to:

Resolved, That all moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, be placed in the hands of the select committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge out of which shall be paid seventy cents on the dollar of the Funded Debt; and the remainder of such debt be paid off, by new bonds, to the parties entitled thereto, made payable, with interest, on the second day of the next regular meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That after the new issue of bonds, as contemplated in the foregoing resolution, an account of the bonds, signed and unsigned, shall be stated by the Grand Treasurer; and the remainder, or unsigned blank bonds, shall be burnt or wholly destroyed, in the presence of two Master Masons, who, with the Treasurer, shall duly certify the same to the next Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Griswold*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure a new supply of blank charters for the use of the Grand Lodge, the present supply being nearly or quite exhausted.

On motion of Brother *Griswold*, the following resolution was agreed to:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, William B. Thrall, the Grand Secretary, Benjamin F. Smith, and Grand Treasurer, T. Griffith, be a committee to superintend the printing of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; and that 600 copies be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments, which, on motion, were unanimously concurred in:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

I hereby nominate the following brethren to sustain the several offices affixed to their respective names, to wit:

R. W. Anson Clark, Grand Chaplain.
" " William P. Strickland, Grand Orator.
" " Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer.
" " Kent Jarvis, Grand Marshal.
" " Jacob Ernst, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Jairus Curtis, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Isaac Campbell, Grand Tyler.

W. B. Thrall, *Grand Master.*

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its labors.

Brother *Moore*, from the committee on the State of Masonry, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the state of Masonry, report: That if your committee were appointed to furnish information to the Grand Lodge only, they would have little to do but to direct the attention of the members to the number of delegates present at this session — the interest taken in the welfare and prosperity of our venerable institution — and the great number of new Lodges being organized, and old and dormant Lodges awakening to life and resuming their labors in this state. But our report, we suppose, is designed to furnish information to the fraternity at large, and therefore it will be necessary to be more particular.

By the "State of Masonry," we suppose is meant its *condition in every respect.* Its state cannot be judged of alone by the number of its members, or the number of applications made for membership. But besides these, must be considered the moral standing required of its members, the uniformity and accuracy of the work, the union and Masonic fellowship existing among the fraternity, and the general usefulness of the Order.

The number of our members is increasing more rapidly, perhaps, than at any former period of our history. There are but few Lodges in this or any of the adjoining states, but what are almost constantly thronged with applications for admission to our mysteries. There seems, indeed, to be a general resumption of the labors of the Craft. Lights that had been extinguished have been rekindled. The Masonic signal of labor is heard again all over the land. The Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge informs us that he has assisted in the conferring of about seven hundred degrees in this state during the last year, and we know that this number forms but a small portion of the numbers admitted to our Masonic fellowship, under our own jurisdiction, within the year. One of your committee has had the privilege, within the last six months, of visiting a great number of Lodges, as well in Ohio as in Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan, and has corresponded freely with prominent members of the Order, in all the western and south-western states and Territories, from the extreme to the Gulf of Mexico; and from every quarter, and from almost every Lodge, is heard the tidings of unexampled prosperity. And from information derived from reliable sources, we believe this prosperous condition obtains in other nations, and indeed every where.

The Craft are at work — and rapidly increasing throngs are pressing in, eager to engage in the labors of speculative Freemasonry. Our mystic Temple has grown up in its beautiful proportions, until it now stands out an enduring monument of those heaven-descended principles that were impressed upon the Order in primeval days. The opposition that once met us in our way, with the power and proportions of a monster, has been almost entirely shorn of its strength; and even prejudice, with its wrinkled brow and look of unmingled hate, has vanished into thin air. Our Temple has endured, unmoved and unshaken, the severest peltings of the storm; but the tempest, in its career of fury and madness, has passed away, and peace and quietness, like the calm beauty of a summer's morning, have taken its place.

Your committee are glad to say that, generally, a high standard of moral character is required before any one can gain access to the Lodge rooms. We have frequently heard the inquiry made in respect to applicants — "Is he intemperate? — a profane swearer — a gambler? If he is, we cannot, nay, *will not* receive him." The veto of the fraternity has been placed upon all such practices and their kindred vices. It is now a rare thing to find a member of a Lodge that is intemperate; and should one unfortunately become so, and will not reform, he is expelled. Gambling has almost ceased to be indulged in by any one who claims to be respectable; and there are very few Masons who can so far forget the solemn teachings of our Order, as to indulge in the practice

of profane swearing. The practice of bringing refreshments into the Lodge rooms, has almost, if not quite, universally ceased. Even the office of *Steward* is no longer known in many Lodges, from the fact that there are no duties for such an officer to perform. Masonry claims a high antiquity, and a higher source. The sanction of its moral teachings is gathered from the Bible of God; and your committee are glad to see among the fraternity a disposition to recur to ITS principles in creating a standard of fitness for our Order. If the Bible be our "great light," we should be guided in our faith and practice by the rays it emits. And while such is the case, our work may never fear the test of the most scrutinizing examination.

In regard to accuracy and uniformity of work, though much has been accomplished, yet much remains to be done. In our own state, we have been favored with the labors of a Grand Lecturer, who is truly a *working* Mason—and a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." During the last two or three years, he has labored with untiring zeal to produce a uniformity of work among the different Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and has labored with much effect.

Perhaps at no period in the history of our Order in Ohio, has there been more attention paid to this than during the past year. Two of your committee were in a Lodge in this state, a few months since, when the third degree was conferred. A distinguished and talented member of the Order, who was a delegate from a Grand Lodge in the south, to the late Baltimore Masonic Convention, was present, and he afterwards declared that he had never seen the work done in the Lodge that evening excelled, and *very rarely equalled.* As far as your committee have had an opportunity to judge, the Lodges every where, as well as in Ohio, are anxiously turning their attention to this subject; and your committee hope the day is not far distant, when there shall be no discordant sound heard throughout all the ranks of the workmen — but from East to West, and between the North and the South, all shall beautifully harmonize in their labors.

There is peace, too, and union, and Masonic fellowship among all the thousands of our Israel. Difficulties among Masons have been settled upon Masonic principles; ill-feeling is unknown, and every where brother greets brother, however distant may be the point from which he hails, with the warmth of Masonic friendship. The usefulness of the Order has, to some extent, been in proportion to our increased numbers. But your committee believe there is still room for greater improvement in this department. The blessings of Masonry should not exist in theory alone. Practical exemplifications of the truth and excellence of our doctrines should not be "like angels' visits, few and far between." They should be seen constantly, daily, in all the departments of social life.

Several of our sister Grand Lodges are zealously engaged in founding schools and colleges, and orphan asylums; and we know not why Ohio should be behind in this respect. And from the measures taken at our present session, we have reason to hope that she will not long be behind. With our present numbers and wealth and influence, no orphan child, or widow of a Mason, should be unprovided for. Masonry should throw around them the ægis of its protection, and from its bountiful stores supply their wants.

In conclusion, your committee would take the liberty of congratulating the fraternity, every where, upon the bright day that has dawned upon us. Our beautiful teachings are appreciated; the merits of Masonry acknowledged; and a career of prosperity, happiness and usefulness, opened wide before us. Long may it remain so.

Your committee offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That our present state of unexampled prosperity, is the legitimate result of a close adherence to the moral principles and ancient landmarks of our Order; and while we shall continue to "walk by the same rule, and mind the same things," we have nothing to fear.

All which is respectfully submitted,

C. MOORE,
HENRY HARMER,
JACOB ERNST,
SAMUEL BEACH,
J. HIVELING.

On motion of Brother *Wright*, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of its officers for the year ensuing—M. W. Brother *Fielding*, Past Grand Master, presiding.

The officers elect were then duly installed, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

Brother *Bancroft* presented the following account, which was referred to the standing committee on Accounts, to wit:

DAYTON, October 24, 1846.

Grand Lodge to John Sayre, *Dr.*
For services as Steward; fuel, lights and stationery.....$15 00

The following brethren, on application, were excused from further attendance during the present grand communication, to wit:—Brothers Wright, Mosgrove, Luce, Booth, Meredith and Warner.

Brother *Caldwell* offered the following as an amendment to the By-Laws, which was unanimously adopted, to wit:

Ordered, That sections 31, 32 and 33, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be and the same are hereby repealed.

Brother *Burr* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to give immediate notice to the several Grand Lodges of the United States, that so much of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge as relates to Grand Lodge Certificates, has been repealed by a unanimous vote.

Brother *Barrere* offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the first charge in the city of Dayton, for the use of their Church edifice on the 21st inst.; that our thanks are due to the choir, for their chaste performance on that occasion; and to the Trustees of the German Reformed Church, for the tender of their Church edifice.

Brother *Keith*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, recommended the adoption of the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Master of Temple Lodge No. 28, have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Brother *Keith* offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted, to wit:

Whereas, Brother C. Moore, of Cincinnati, has, at great expense and labor, established, and is now issuing a periodical called the Masonic Review, which has received the approval and recommendation of foreign Grand Lodges; *And whereas*, it is desired by this Grand Lodge, that every Mason within its jurisdiction should be in possession of some standard work from which they can obtain the necessary information to perfect them in their Masonic duties; *And whereas*, the said Masonic Review, published at Cincinnati, by said Brother C. Moore, meets the entire approval of the members of this Grand Lodge; *Therefore*,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge *cordially* recommend said work to the fraternity in Ohio, and elsewhere, as a work upon which all may rely, as containing the pure principles, precepts and teachings of our Order.

Brother *J. N. Burr* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to cause all blank Grand Lodge certificates that remain in his possession, to be destroyed; and that all persons holding Grand Lodge certificates from this Grand Lodge, be requested to destroy the same.

Brother *Howard* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Corinthian Lodge No. 111, be permitted to hold its meetings alternately at McConnelsville and Malta, a majority of said Lodge agreeing to the same.

Brother *Leidy* presented a bill in favor of Brother Sifford, for eleven dollars and eighty cents, for lumber furnished for Grand Lodge, which account was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Shinnick*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts have examined the account of Brother Sayre, for fuel, light and stationery, amounting to $15.00, and recommend that the same be paid.

G. L. Shinnick,
W. T. Goodman.

Brother *Maxfield* made the following statement to the Grand Lodge:

That at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, held in the city of Columbus, commencing on the 21st day of October, 1845, said Lodge passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire of the Representative of Malta Lodge, by what authority said Lodge conferred the degrees of Masonry upon G. W. Potter."

And whereas, G. W. Potter has made no application to said Malta Lodge for admission, but that Marquis G. Potter must be the person alluded to in the above resolution, who received none but the first degree.

Upon which the Grand Lodge, on motion of Brother *Maxfield*, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, therefore, That the resolution above referred to, caused the Grand Lodge to make an error in the proceedings with regard to Malta Lodge.

The committee appointed to prepare a Pay-Roll made a report, which was agreed to, [amounting to the sum of $1,652.74.]

Brother *Griswold*, from the committee on Foreign Communications, made the following report:

The committee on Foreign Correspondence, in reviewing the various interesting matters presented to them in the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges—whose continued fraternal courtesy is with pleasure acknowledged—will confine their remarks, principally, to such questions as seem to require conformity in action, and the establishment of uniform rules; and although they cannot promise that their best efforts will essentially contribute to these desirable ends, they find sufficient encouragement to proceed in the commendable spirit which seems to pervade all our borders, and the general desire for *more light*, where differences of opinion exist.

The subjects will be considered in the desultory order in which they present themselves.

In his annual address to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, the Grand Master invites the attention of all sister Grand Lodges to a "reprehensible practice" which "has obtained among many Lodges, in different parts of the country, of admitting temporary residents to the Order," without proper knowledge of their character, etc. Such a practice, in the opinion of your committee, ought not to be permitted. It is repugnant to a fundamental rule, designed to preserve uninterrupted harmony in our ranks. No facilities should be given—no door opened, for the introduction of strangers among the workmen. A favorable report, after the most careful and thorough investigation, should be, in all cases, an indispensable pre-requisite; and the *vouchers* such brethren as hold the honor and harmony of our ancient institution as paramount to all considerations of expediency or interest.

In the same proceedings, the committee on Charters and Dispensations, justly condemn the practice of suspending, or dispensing with by-laws, to suit the convenience of Lodges, and recommend to the Grand Lodge to "*define* what shall constitute a case of *emergency*." Both of these subjects are deemed of too much importance to be passed

unnoticed. Suspending a law, is neither more or less than assuming to act in defiance of the wholesome restraint imposed by it; and if admissible in any, will be deemed excusable in all cases: thus rendering nugatory the most wholesome codes. A well considered rule of the Grand Lodge, defining cases of emergency, would be an imperative law to subordinate Lodges—corrective of all the abuses complained of in this connection.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, by its committee on Foreign Correspondence, disapproves the practice of recording the *yeas* and *nays*, in deciding questions before a Grand Lodge, as a "modern innovation, highly unmasonic," which it regrets to see adopted, to some extent, in Maryland, Indiana, etc. Your committee concur in the opinion that the practice is irregular, and are persuaded that the truly Masonic substitute, of voting by Lodges, is far preferable. Indeed, the designs of the two modes are widely diverse—the former being peculiarly adapted to political and legislative action—to draw out and fix individual responsibility for public acts; whereas the latter is intended to preserve that perfect equality of power, in deciding all important questions, which, of right, pertains to every Lodge in its single vote; and is essentially necessary to secure unity and harmony, which are, emphatically, our strength and support.

The committee also animadvert upon the "departure from Masonic usage" by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, "by the introduction of popular usage into the laws for her government"—which provided for calling the previous question, etc., and making the motion to adjourn, always in order, except when a member is speaking, and not debatable. They urge that "these regulations are fraught with evils of no common magnitude, and are entirely subversive of some of the fundamental principles of our honored institution; suspending, as they conceive, some of the established prerogatives of the Grand Master. That they are innovations upon ancient usage, there can scarcely be a doubt, in the mind of any well informed Mason, and ought not to be tolerated, or repeated. In the language of a cotemporary committee, "the beautiful and solid simplicity of the time-honored structure, seem to have become tiresome to the eyes of some of the brethren."

The establishment of a General Grand Lodge—the representative system—triennial Grand Conventions—sending delegates to Europe—and Grand Lodge certificate—each continues to claim the attention, more or less, of several of the Grand Lodges; and considerable diversity of opinion prevails, in regard to them. From a general view of the action thereon, however, it appears to your committee that the "sober second thought" of those intelligent bodies will result—as it did in your own body, at the present session, in regard to the *Certificates*—in a total repudiation and extirpation of all Utopian schemes and projects from Masonic records and usage, and the "good old way" continue to be regarded as the *safest* and the *right way*. That mystical *cement*, which unites and consolidates our speculative aims, quickened by periodical intercommunications, will adequately promote harmonious action, among the sources of Masonic authority; and the common rights of our brethren will ever remain infallibly protected by an ÆGIS ALL OUR OWN, unaided by extrinsic, ephemeral tests.

Eligibility to the office of Master has been the subject of inquiry, in some Masonic bodies. A select committee of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, at its session in May last, reported a resolution, declaring "every Master Mason, who is a member of a subordinate Lodge, and otherwise qualified, eligible to preside as Master of such Lodge, without having served in the character of Warden." The resolution was laid on the table. The Ancient Constitutions are, perhaps, the best authority on this point. They contain the following provision: "No brother should be Master, till he has first served a Lodge acceptably in the office of Warden, unless in extraordinary cases, or when a new Lodge is to be formed, and no Past or former Warden is to be found among the members. But, three Master Masons, although they have served in no such offices, if they be well learned, may be constituted Master and Wardens of such new Lodge, or of any old Lodge, in the like emergency; and it shall be their first duty to qualify themselves thoroughly for their office."

Masonic publications are denounced, in the mass, by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylva-

nia, as of pernicious tendency. "The rage for printing and publishing to the world the lectures and proceedings of Lodges," they consider "alarming and dangerous;" and predict, if it be not arrested, the most "disastrous consequences to the Order." "Masonic language and terms, allusions to the peculiar polity and discipline of the craft—expressions unsuited to any but the initiated, may find their way into such productions." These hints may be well worthy of consideration and reflection, although the indiscretions complained of do not appear to your committee to form a very prominent feature of those publications that have passed under our observation. Still, it cannot be amiss to recommend a cautious circumspection, in these matters, to the whole Masonic family. And we do most cordially concur in the concluding ejaculation of our brethren—"Far, far from her precincts, let those be banished, who would profane the mysteries, or sanctuary, of our Order."

An interesting inquiry is being made, in many quarters, whether *bodily infirmity* must necessarily exclude a candidate for our mysteries? The most ancient rule required, that he be "freeborn; of mature and discreet age; of good report; of sufficient natural endowments, and the senses of a man; with an estate, office, trade, occupation, or some visible way of acquiring an honest livelihood;" "upright in body, not deformed, or dismembered, but of hale and entire limbs." Modern practice, however, sanctioned by many high authorities, does not require a rigid adherence to every specification of this ancient rule. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi, through their committee, assign the following reasons for authorizing a limited departure therefrom: "Masonry originated in an age of the world comparatively rude and barbarous; at a time when strength of body was more valued than vigor of intellect. It was instituted by an association of men united together for the protection of physical labors. But even at this early period, their ties and obligations were fraternal. This made them solicitous to exclude from the fraternity all who were likely to become burthensome rather than useful; and, consequently, to require that initiates should be whole in body, as well as sound in mind. But the world has changed. This institution has now become speculative and moral. It has entirely lost its *operative* character. The reason for requiring bodily perfection in candidates has ceased to exist. To continue the regulation, would be absurd. The Grand Lodges in the United States and Europe have generally dispensed with it." The Grand Master of that state also decided, that "a loss, or partial deprivation of those physical organs which minister alone to the action of the body, do not disqualify a man from being a Mason." "He is sustained by the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Alabama and Florida."

The committee of the last named Grand Lodge add the following: "This has long since ceased to be a mooted point in Masonry. It was settled, many years since, by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the case of the Hon. John Pope, formerly a Senator of the United States. Gov. Pope had lost an arm, and the Grand Lodge decided that, 'if the deformity of a candidate for initiation is not such as to prevent him from being *instructed* in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, his admission will not be an infringement upon the land-marks, but will be perfectly consistent with the spirit of our institution.' The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has settled this question, within her jurisdiction, by a permanent provision in her constitution, the 4th section of the 3d article of which reads as follows: 'By the ancient regulations, the physical deformity of an individual operates as a bar to his admission into the fraternity; but in view of the fact that this regulation was adopted for the government of the Craft at a period when they united the character of operative with that of *speculative* Masons, this Grand Lodge, in common, it is believed, with most of her sister Grand Lodges in this country and in Europe, has authorized such a construction of the regulation as that, where the deformity does not amount to an inability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, it constitutes no hindrance to initiation.'"

That a limited discretion has been tacitly permitted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, is evidenced by the presence of some very worthy brethren at this communication, who must necessarily have been excluded by a rigid adherence to the ancient rule. Still, your committee are of the opinion that great care should be taken not to lose sight of

the spirit and intention of the rule, viz: "To exclude all such as are likely to become burthensome rather than useful."

The Trestle-Board, prepared and published by the majority of a committee appointed by the Masonic Convention held in the city of Baltimore, in 1843, has occasioned some controversy and excitement, especially among the members of the committee. Not having seen the work, your committee are unable to estimate or compare its merits except through the medium of other minds, whose judgments have been placed on record. One merit, however, must be accorded to it—that of having induced closer examinations and comparisons of the different modes of work. The result has not been so favorable to the Trestle-Board as its publishers must have hoped; as few have adopted it, while many have rejected it as inferior to the works of Webb, Cross, Tannahill, etc.

Another new work has made its appearance within the past year, emanating from Brother Cornelius Moore, of Cincinnati, entitled "*The Craftsman and Freemasons' Guide,*" which is attracting very general and favorable notice in the West; and, from the popularity of its debut, your committee judge that it is destined to supersede all its predecessors as a text-book for the *Craft.* The Grand Lodge of Indiana appointed a committee to examine the work, who speak of it thus:

"The committee to whom was referred the examination of '*The Craftsman and Freemasons' Guide,*' containing a declaration of the rituals of Freemasonry, from the degree of Entered Apprentice to that of Select Master, and the Order of Priesthood, report, that they have given the same a careful examination, and find it, in their opinion, to be one of the best Masonic Manuals yet published. It possesses, not only the recommendation of being as brief in its delineations as it is possible to be, in order to convey the necessary amount of Masonic instruction, but it is entirely divested of those crude and imperfect historical digests of the institution with which most editors of Masonic Text-Books have encumbered the literature of the Craft. This may be, by some, deemed a great omission, but, in our opinion, it is one demanded by the increasing light of Masonic intelligence. The work merely proposes to be a Freemason's Guide, and, in our opinion, to the practical Mason, it contains all the elements of a true directory. We not only take pleasure, therefore, in commending the present compilation by Brother Cornelius Moore, to this Grand Lodge, and the brethren of Indiana, but to the fraternity at large, as, in the estimation of your committee, it is the most valuable compilation, for practical purposes, that has yet been presented to our consideration."

"The Grand Lodge of Illinois has withdrawn the dispensations from Nauvoo, Helm and Nye Lodges, and declares these associations of Masons clandestine, and suspended from all Masonic privileges."

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi, by committee, condemn the practice of dueling, and recommend that measures be taken to prevent it where Masons are, or are likely to become parties. The barbarous relic of rude and uncultivated ages, the legitimate offspring of folly and vice, it is grievous to acknowledge, still maintains a pestiferous influence over the minds of many, in different portions of our country. As a means of redressing private wrongs, it is, to say the least of it, worse than worthless; for, in many, if not most cases, it not only fails of that object, which forms its only excuse or apology, but inflicts irremediable additional wrong to the parties concerned, and, not unfrequently, involves in the deepest affliction and woe all with whom they are connected. Indeed, instances have occurred, in our own country, where the entire nation has been called to mourn over the desolating effects of this demoralizing and despicable custom. To devise a remedy for an evil which has survived the best efforts of the best of men, hitherto, your committee have not the presumption to believe themselves competent. Scarcely less than the combined civil and moral power of all Christendom is equal to its extirpation. Masonry may, indeed, exert its meliorating influence to restrain its members, but this will be found inadequate to correct so great an evil, so long as public opinion tolerates it. The remedy, then, if remedy there be, must be applied at the *root;* public opinion *must be reformed;* to accomplish which, it is necessary to commence with the earliest instructions to our children and the youth of our country, by teaching them *correct principles;* to understand and respect the rights of others; to restrain their passions; to bear and to forbear; to make it the *point of honor*

candidly to *explain* imputed wrong; to exercise the Christian and Masonic virtues of *patience*, forbearance, TEMPERANCE, and brotherly love; to deal *justly*, love *mercy*, and live in *charity*, and never to swerve from the holy cause of *truth*. In short, to be always governed by that *golden rule* which comprises, in the shortest possible compass, *the whole duty of man*, "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Should this remedy fail, the case may well be judged to be a hopeless one.

The following definitions, incorporated in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, are recommended for consideration and adoption by other Grand Lodges:

1st. *Ample Form.* The Grand Lodge is declared to be opened in Ample Form when the Grand Master presides.

2d. *Due Form.* When the Deputy Grand Master presides.

3d. And in *Form*, when it is opened in the absence of both the Grand Master and his Deputy.

Masonic jurisdiction, ought, in the opinion of your committee, to be defined by some uniform rule that may be universally understood. There seems to be a necessity, as well as a propriety, in prescribing the civil boundaries of states, as limiting the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges, but many reasons are urged against prescribing the bounds of a county, as provided in our own regulations, for the jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges. If mathematical certainty were important, it would, doubtless be more convenient to adopt lines already surveyed and established, but your committee conceive that this is not the proper object. Confining an applicant to the Lodge nearest his residence, and restraining the authority of Lodges to a point of medium distance, between any two of them, would better secure the paramount *Masonic* object, viz: knowledge of character and qualifications, as well as the convenience of those applying. The Grand Lodge of Indiana, by its committee, seem to consider the point as *settled*, "that applications should be made within the jurisdiction of the proper Grand Lodge, and to the Lodge *nearest* the residence of the applicant."

There appears to be a contrariety of opinion as to the effect of expulsions and suspensions, in the different Masonic bodies. Some Grand Lodges contending that suspension from a Chapter or Encampment, necessarily excludes from all Masonic privileges, while others suppose that the separate action and concurrence of the several bodies is necessary to such exclusion. The latter opinion appears to be the most consistent with Masonic justice. A Grand Lodge, as such, cannot be supposed to know what are the peculiar requisites and duties of the Order of Knights Templars, any more than an Entered Apprentice may be supposed to know the full duties of a Master Mason; and there may be violations of faith and duty, requiring reproof or punishment in the superior Orders, not cognizable in the others. Hence the propriety of each maintaining its separate authority, and the necessity of exercising a watchful vigilance in guarding the honor and purity of their respective members, when impeached, from whatever quarter, that our venerable institution may not be brought into disrepute by the unjust reflections of the envious or ignorant.

Your committee learn, with regret, that the practice prevails in some Lodges, of advancing a candidate from the degree of Entered Apprentice to that of F. C., and even raising to Master Masons, in a brief space of time—sometimes within a few weeks—a practice which they consider at variance, not only with propriety, but subversive of ancient land-marks.

It is known that some foreign Grand Lodges *require* an Entered Apprentice to remain in that degree *two years*, and in that of F. C. *one year*, before being advanced to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The *zeal* and *proficiency*, in the two first degrees, are the only *legitimate* recommendations for the honorable distinction of the Master degree. Your committee, therefore, urge a strict adherence to ancient usage in this particular; that of *requiring* suitable proficiency in the candidate before advancing him in any case. This subject has very properly attracted the attention of our sister Grand Lodges, and the ancient requirement insisted upon; the propriety and necessity of which is apparent from the fact that without it we are made Masons *ceremonially*, not *intellectually*.

It is with no small degree of pride, that your committee find indubitable evidence

that Masonry is steadily and firmly progressing, not only in our own favored jurisdiction, but throughout the United States, and in other countries; no better evidence of which can be given than is seen in the increased numbers, intelligence and moral worth of those in attendance at this grand communication. Bigotry, superstition, and prejudice have vanished before the genial influence of brotherly love and charity; and Masonry is hailed as one of the great means of the age for purifying and elevating moral character, and enabling man to fill his high destiny of usefulness in the world. Much of this prosperity is justly attributable to the cherished desire, long manifested by individual members and Lodges, to learn and adhere strictly to the *ancient landmarks* of our Order, and it is with great pleasure that your committee find so much unanimity upon this subject among the several Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is in communication.

The report of your committee on Foreign Correspondence—embracing, as it should, not only a summary of such facts as are presented in the very voluminous papers laid before them, but a full exposition of the important topics contained in them—requires more time for that careful examination and elucidation which the subjects demand than is allotted to such committee. They therefore urge the propriety of giving such committee until the next succeeding communication after their appointment to make their report. This practice is approved by some of our sister Grand Lodges; and its propriety is apparent, when we take into consideration the mass of matter laid before them to examine, and the importance to the fraternity of the subjects to be discussed. Were this Grand Lodge what it *once* was—but a *handful* in number, holding their communications, literally, in an "upper room," and little known beyond its own jurisdiction—the labor of such a committee would then be but the work of a moment. Whereas, *now*, no deliberative body in the state embraces as many individuals, and our foreign correspondence emanates from no less than some twenty Grand Lodges.

Your committee are gratified with the increasing evidence of a general effort to secure uniformity of work and lectures; than which, nothing is of more importance to the fraternity in their labors. In some instances, we find Grand Inspectors are appointed to visit subordinate Lodges; in other cases, Lodges of Instruction are instituted; and in other cases, as with our own Grand Lodge, Grand Lecturers are appointed to instruct such Lodges as may require their aid. Your committee will not, upon their hasty examination of this subject in the various attitudes in which it is presented, express an opinion as to *what* mode is best calculated to effect the object desired; simply remarking that the least of intricacy there is interwoven in the manner of imparting instruction, and the fewer the number engaged as instructors, the more likely to attain the object.

It affords your committee the highest gratification to learn that in many of our sister Grand Lodges, the important subject of education is claiming much attention, and that by some, institutions of learning, of a high order, are already established. Your committee will not enlarge upon the importance of this great work of charity and usefulness—deeming this subject to have been well and ably disposed of by your committee on the state of Masonry, and also by that on Ways and Means. Your committee cannot, however, forbear to congratulate this Grand body upon the ultimate certainty of its ability to place itself on a *level* with any sister Grand Lodge in "so great and so good a work."

Your committee find that it is a mooted question in some quarters, whether visiting brethren should be entitled to vote on the admission of candidates; claiming, on one hand, that as Masonry is general, visiting brethren have the right to vote on such occasions. Your committee frankly admit the universality of Masonry and its oneness of interest; but they see no valid objection to each subordinate Lodge governing itself by its own rules, keeping within prescribed ancient land-marks. No deviation from the prescribed unanimity of such ballot should be countenanced for one moment; but it may be questioned whether visiting brethren can claim, *as a right*, this exercise of suffrage, since it is competent for each Lodge to *grant* or *withhold* the privilege to exercise it, by its own constitution and laws.

It is with great pleasure that your committee learn that the Grand Lodge of Michigan has perfected her organization, and is fully entitled to the right hand of fellowship.

Your committee found great pleasure in a hasty glance at the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence of our frontier sister Grand Lodge of Arkansas. It is replete with much sound reasoning and valuable historical matter which highly recommends itself to every member of the fraternity; and your committee regret that the limited time allowed them will not permit a full examination and extended notice of the very important matter it contains.

In conclusion, your committee beg leave to refer to one other subject—*the very general abandonment of the use of refreshments in the Lodge room.* So general, indeed, is the discontinuance, that it amounts almost to total abolition. Such is evidently the universal effort of individual members to elevate the moral character of the fraternity, that whatever may have a tendency to misguide, or weaken the protection of individual character, is not only abandoned, but denounced. That the introduction and use of refreshments in Lodges have had a direct tendency to subvert some of the first principles of our Order, and that it endangers the onward march to that usefulness, and the attainment of that purity of character which should distinguish all good Masons, none can deny. It is equally obvious that, in their use, is involved the danger of violating one of the cardinal virtues of our Order—*Temperance.*

The consideration of this virtue seems to have aroused from their slumbers multitudes of our beloved brethren, who had well nigh been swallowed up in the vortex of intemperance, during the days of darkness which spread far and wide over all that was lovely or of good report among the fraternity of these United States; and in proportion as the star of Temperance has been in the ascendant, so has Masonry revived and flourished. Nor is this fact surprising when viewed with philosophic eye: all other sources of moral declension combined cannot be more potent in debasing and degrading the noble faculties of the soul. It not only defaces, but ultimately obliterates the moral image of God in the soul; unfits man for the society of the good and virtuous, and he will seek to hide himself from the presence of those who inhale the wholesome, balmy, soul-inspiring influences of Masonry. On the other hand, as temperance, "that virtue which should be the *constant* practice of every Mason," is cherished and scrupulously adhered to, brethren desire to mingle with each other in those temples consecrated to Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love; and thus a moral impetus is given to every good word and work, and Masonry, through the influence of this purifying virtue—in the beautiful language of Scripture—may be said to be coming up out of the wilderness, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." Your committee take great pleasure in recurring to the fact, that this Grand Lodge, at a very early period, urged the necessity of a strict adherence to temperance in all the Lodges under its jurisdiction. Had this paternal counsel received that cordial assent and hearty acquiescence which it was entitled to from every brother, many who now sleep the sleep of death might have been mingling their orisons with ours at this grand communication, and promoting each others' welfare, and rejoicing in each others' prosperity.

Finally, brethren, your committee have great pleasure in mingling congratulations with the whole Masonic fraternity, on the rapidly increasing prosperity of our Order throughout the American Union. Persecution has abated, or exhausted its malignity; the mists of prejudice have evaporated in the rays of Truth; a just judgment has succeeded violence and wrong, and kindness and love are every where reanimating our friends with confidence and zeal. Yea, verily, "Mercy and Truth are met together; Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other," and again afford us their highest, happiest promise.

Respectfully submitted.

Ezra Griswold,
Kent Jarvis,
Absalom Death,
N. Benjamin,
J. Cornelius.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, to wit:

Brother LEVI GUSTIN, Wilmington, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers D. H. WHEELER, Perrysburg, BENJ. WORK, Portsmouth, Grand Pursuviants.
" GEO. L. SHINNICK, Zanesville, MARVIN TRACY, Mt. Vernon, Grand Stewards.

No further business appearing for the action of the Grand Lodge, after an address to the Throne of Divine Grace, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was closed in ample form, to meet again at the town of Zanesville, on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1847—A. L. 5847.

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

BENJ. F. SMITH, *Grand Secretary.*

Names and Residence of Members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, A. D. 1846.

William B. Thrall, Bela Latham, Columbus.
James D. Caldwell, Chillicothe.
M. M. Laughlin, J. S. Scott, Steubenville.
Hugh Trevor, James Dunn, Marietta.
Absalom Death, Cincinnati.
F. M. Keith, George D. Hine, Kent Jarvis, Massillon.
D. H. Murphy, Ripley.
John Hiveling, Xenia.
Timothy Griffith, Columbus.
Daniel H. Wheeler, Perrysburg.
R. H. Dodge, Sam'l Beach, Beverly.
Joseph Robbins, Royalton.
Jairus Curtis, ———, Wood county.
Joseph E. Jewett, Bucyrus.
James Cornelius, McConnelsville.
Thomas Launder, Zanesville.
John Sayre, David Clark, P. Baer, Dayton.
William H. Hall, Circleville.
John Y. Hopkins, Cumberland.
Norman Root, Athens.
Henry Kuhn, Tiffin.
William Carty, Georgetown.
Ezra Griswold, Delaware.
B. F. Smith, Marvin Tracey, J. N. Burr, Mt. Vernon.
John Leidy, Thos. Hood, Somerset.
George Keifer, Troy.
Samuel Fowler, Sharon.
Alfred Luce, Oxford.
M. Z. Kreider, G. Steinman, Lancaster.
John M. Barrere, New Market.
Levi Gustin, Benj. Hinkson, Wilmington.
R. Whitcomb, Jas. McQueen, Cincinnati.
N. H. Starbuck, St. Marys.
J. L. Wadsworth, Wellington.
F. Bonne, Mechanicsburg.
W. F. Musgrove, Urbana.
H. Barton, West Bedford.
Abner Wright, Jno. Meredith, Mansf.
A. Hollingsworth, West Union.
W. McCammon, Cincinnati.
Thomas R. Matthews, Vinton.
Samuel H. Bancroft, Newark.
A. S. Amberg, New Vienna.
Thomas Maxfield, Norwich.
Daniel McCook, Carrolton.
Kelion Hager, Barnesville.
Samuel Edgerley, Akron.
W. T. Goodwin, P. B. Hayward, Cleveland.
Samuel Glenny, Lebanon.
James H. C. Miller, Jackson.
A. M. Davis, New Paris.
William Wyckoff, Warrenton.
S. Hemphill, K. Porter, Wooster.
W. B. Dodds, I. C. Copelen, Cin'ti.
Daniel Gotshall, Canton.
William Fielding, Sidney.
J. Funk, Urbana.
A. G. Walden, Butlerville.
Nathaniel Benjamin, G. W. Edgerley, West Alexandria.
James Chambers, Miami county.
Horace Howard, Loudonville.
Levi Richmand, Rossville.
David Fagan, Felicity.
David Isgrigg, Mt. Pleasant.
Silas H. Smith, Miamisburg.
L. R. Brownell, Piqua.
E. Zimmerman, Batavia.
C. Moore, Cincinnati.
Israel Hoge, G. D. Palmer, Zanesville.
George Taylor, Worthington.
Henry Hosmer, Seville.
A. Morton, Medina.
J. Melvin, London.
M. D. Brock, New Salem.
S. P. Fidlar, Hebron.
Joseph L. Campbell, Jacob Chambers, A. H. Bolenz, Eaton.
William Highland, Milford.
S. D. Bayless, Troy.
Josiah Allen, Ashtabula.
R. B. Ryan, Wilmeth Jones, St. Clairsville.
Wright Warner, Canal Dover.
James Bolenz, Lewisburg.
R. N. McAdams, Middletown.
Geo. L. Shinnick, Zanesville.
Benj. Work, E. Burr, Portsmouth.
Daniel Isgrigg, Cheviot.
J. L. Howard, John Sayre, Dayton.

TABULAR STATEMENT, showing the Number Initiated, Passed, Raised, Admitted, Withdrawn, Rejected, Suspended, Expelled, Reinstated, Deaths, Members of Lodges, and Masons who are not Members of Lodges, so far as reported.

No.	Names of Lodges.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Members of Lodges.	Masons not Members.
1	American Union	3	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	24	2
2	N. C. Harmony	16	15	15	9	7	6	0	0	0	1	92	....
4	New England	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	....
5	Amity	6	6	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	23	....
6	Scioto	4	4	5	4	2	1	5	1	1	0	23	....
8	Harmony	22	21	17	4	2	5	1	0	1	1	53	....
9	Mt. Zion	5	8	6	2	5	0	0	1	1	0	42	45
13	St. Johns	28	28	28	6	5	2	0	0	0	1	61	....
14	Franklin	15	not	giv.	11	2	2	19	0	0	1	37	....
22	Rising Sun	5	5	4	6	0	....	1	0	0	0	22	....
23	Pickaway	1	1	1	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	32	....
24	Warren	17	17	18	0	11	0	5	0	0	2	40	....
25	Paramuthia	5	5	4	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	20	....
26	Lebanon, (1845)	13	12	12	....	5	0	2	0	0	0	24	14
26	do (1846)	25	27	26	2	5	2	1	0	0	1	34	16
29	Clermont Social	3	3	1	3	3	1	4	0	0	3	19	....
15	Cleveland City	3	....	....	....	....	....	9	....	....	....	48	....
16	Belmont	14	14	14	4	5	1	....	....	....	....	30	....
17	Washington	4	4	4	....	8	0	0	0	0	0	32	....
18	Hiram	2	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	....
30	Columbus	7	7	7	1	4	0	3	0	0	0	41	....
33	Ebenezer	8	7	7	1	8	....	0	0	0	0	28	....
35	Mansfield	9	9	3	7	9	1	0	0	0	1	46	....
37	Moriah	8	7	4	0	11	0	1	1	....	1	7	....
38	Highland	2	2	2	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	25	....
44	Columbia	3	3	3	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	17	....
45	Steubenville	5	....	....	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	14	....
46	Miami	19	22	22	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	79	....
48	Aurora	4	3	3	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	20	30
52	Wilmington, (1846)	2	1	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	18	6
52	do (1845)	3	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	18	6
54	Milford, (1845)	18	15	17	1	2	1	2	1	....	1	43	....
54	do (1846)	8	9	7	....	4	3	0	0	....	0	41	....
57	Lancaster	3	3	3	1	23	0	16	0	....	2	32	....
58	Medina	4	....	....	....	11	....	1	0	....	0	29	....
59	Tuscarawas	24	24	23	2	8	....	9	1	....	1	20	....
60	Canton	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	....	24	....
67	Oxford	10	10	10	....	....	0	0	0	....	0	46	....
70	Marion	3	5	5	1	9	....	....	....	....	....	27	....
71	Union	6	6	6	0	0	2	2	0	....	0	29	7
72	Georgetown	4	4	4	1	3	....	0	0	....	2	26	....
73	Temperance	26	23	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	....
74	Wadsworth and Seville	6	....	....	....	4	2	....	1	....	....	30	....
76	Somerset	5	5	5	4	2	....	0	....	....	....	34	11
77	Sandusky	9	9	9	....	7	1	0	1	....	3	46	....
78	Leesburg	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	14	....
79	Lafayette	6	4	5	1	7	1	4	0	2	1	37	....
81	Lafayette	17	15	12	8	7	2	1	0	0	1	87	....
82	Bolivar	5	4	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	29	....
83	King Solomon in Perfection	6	6	6	0	3	1	10	1	0	0	33	35
87	Salem	5	5	5	2	5	0	0	0	0	1	20	....
88	Hiram	3	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	21	2
89	Friendship	3	2	2	....	5	2	0	0	0	0	29	....
90	Jefferson	6	4	4	2	1	....	1	0	0	0	19	....
97	Newark	6	6	5	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	31	....
98	Minerva	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	25	....
102	Union	4	3	2	4	7	2	....	....	....	1	21	....
104	Batavia	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....
104	Tarlton	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	....
105	Moriah	10	9	8	....	4	3	1	1	0	0	17	....
106	Fellowship	2	2	2	....	1	1	2	0	....	0	24	11
108	Washington	11	9	6	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	25	....
111	Corinthian	16	15	15	....	9	....	....	....	....	....	22	....
112	Wood County	2	2	2	....	2	1	....	1	....	....	10	....
113	Clinton	10	7	5	....	9	1	....	....	....	....	24	....
114	Warrenton	1	1	1	....	5	....	....	....	....	....	18	....
115	Hanover	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	....

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116	Hebron	6	5	5	....	5	0	0	0	0	0	17	5
118	Malta	9	9	8	....	2	1	1	....	....	....	14	....
120	Marion	4	3	2	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	11	....
121	Mercer	2	2	2	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	17	....
122	Washington	4	3	3	10	6	0	0	0	....	0	16	....
123	Phœnix	16	15	15	....	7	0	0	0	....	0	20	....
124	Carroll	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	....
127	Union	7	6	5	....	0	0	0	0	....	0	19	....
131	Vinton	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	....	0	12	....
133	Cincinnati	28	28	97	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	....
132	Amity	14	13	13	0	1	2	1	0	....	....	14	....
...	Cumberland, (U. D.)	3	4	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	....
...	Sharon, "	4	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	....
...	West Union, "	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	14
...	Butlerville, "	12	10	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	....
...	Chandler, "	15	11	9	1	....	....	....	....	...	....	9	....
...	Lebanon, "	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	....
	Totals	652	567	533	137	311	53	113	13	6	26	2,298	204

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,

Held at Zanesville, October 19, A. D. 1847—A. L. 5847.

M. W. MICHAEL Z. KREIDER, *Grand Master.*

[*Imprint:* Brother WILLIAM B. THRALL, Columbus.]

THE M. W. GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, met at the Hall of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, in the town of Zanesville, October 19, A. D. 1847, A. L. 5847. Grand Officers present:

M. W. WILLIAM B. THRALL, Grand Master.
R. W. GEORGE KEIFER, Deputy Grand Master.
" " MICHAEL Z. KREIDER, Grand Senior Warden.
" " JONATHAN N. BURR, Grand Junior Warden.
" " TIMOTHY GRIFFITH, Grand Treasurer.
" " BENJAMIN F. SMITH, Grand Secretary.
" " KENT JARVIS, Grand Marshal.
" " JACOB ERNST, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " JAIRUS CURTIS, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " SAMUEL REED, Grand Lecturer.
" " ISAAC CAMPBELL, Grand Tyler.

Also, present in attendance the Representatives of the subordinate Lodges.

After an address to the Throne of Divine Grace by the R. W. Brother Grand Senior Warden, a Lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, preparatory to opening the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following committees, to wit:

To Examine Visitors—Brothers Reed, Luce and Weyer.
On Credentials—Brothers Leidy, B. F. Smith and Griffith.

Brother *Leidy*, from the committee last aforesaid, reported, (in part,) that there were seventy-eight subordinate Lodges duly represented. The report as completed and accepted, was as follows, viz:

The committee on Credentials have examined the returns of the following subordinate Lodges, and the credentials of Representatives and proxies, and respectfully report the following named Lodges duly represented, together with the names of the Representatives and proxies, with the number of Votes to which each is entitled:

No.	Names of Lodges.	Names of Representatives.	Votes.
1	American Union	H. Trevor	3
2	N. C. Harmony.	William B. Dodds	3
4	New England...	George Taylor	3
5	Amity	W. Lillybridge, R. M. Crow, V. West	3
6	Scioto	William H. Skerrett	3
8	Harmony	John Hurd, Isaac Johnson.	3
9	Mt. Zion	J. B. Brown, S. P. Axtell, Marvin Tracy	3
13	St. Johns'.	J. Mills	3
14	Franklin	R. H. Culbertson	3
15	Cleveland City..	H. H. Dodge	2
16	Belmont	R. B. Ryan	3
18	Hiram	Sydney Moore	3
22	Rising Sun	David Allen	3
23	Pickaway.	Hiram Beeson	3
24	Warren	Jonas Ward	3
25	Paramuthia	W. Golden, Norman Root, I. M. Dana	3
26	Lebanon	Samuel Glenny.	2
29	Clermont Social	Jonathan Johnson	3
30	Columbus	I. Davis, W. B. Hubbard..	3
33	Ebenezer	John H. Harris, G. Rex...	3
35	Mansfield	Alex. McElvain, John Meredith, Wm. Hatfield	3
37	Mt. Moriah	Samuel Beach, R.H. Dodge, I. D. Beach	3
38	Highland	John M. Barrere	3
40	Northern Light.	Andrew Young	3
43	West Union	A. Hollingsworth	3
44	Columbia	J. Chambers	3
45	Steubenville	M. M. Laughlin	3
46	Miami	William McCammon	2
47	Clinton	L. L. Bowen, K. Jarvis, H. W. Smith	1
48	Aurora	B. Work	3
49	Xenia	John A. Hivling	3
52	Wilmington	Jabez Harlan	3
54	Milford	James T. McMullen	3
55	Eastern Star	C. Stevens	1
57	Lancaster	John McClelland, M. Smally, M. Z. Kreider	3
58	Medina	A. Davis	3
59	Tuscarawas	S. Harbaugh	3
60	Canton	Daniel Gotshall, E. S. Currey	3
61	Bethel	A. Glasgo	1
64	Mt. Vernon	E. Barnum	3
67	Oxford	A. Luce	3
72	Georgetown	John T. Smiley	3
73	Temperance	William Fielding	3
74	Wads. & Seville.	Nathan High	3
76	Somerset	Geo. Brunner, John Leidy.	3
77	Sandusky	H. Kuhn, F. W. Green	3
78	Leesburg	A. S. Amberg	3
79	Lafayette	J. Redman, A. P. Joslin, T. Bell	3
80	Libanus	W. T. Gray	2
81	Lafayette	Robert Henry	3
82	Bolivar	G. W. Thompson	2
83	King Solomon	R. Creighton	2
85	Jackson	I. T. Bane, C. Shearer, T. I. Davis	3
87	Salem	M. D. Brock, W. C. Gallaher, P. S. Wiseman	3
88	Hiram	N. Benjamin	3
89	Friendship	Stephen Wilson	3
90	Jefferson	V. D. Enyard	3
93	Chardon	E. Parmele	3
94	Montgomery	William Y. Emmett	2
96	Coshocton	B. Bonnet, Isaiah Harris..	3
97	Newark	S. H. Bancroft, I. Cross	2
98	Minerva	E. Gephart	3
102	Union	E. F. W. Ellis	3
103	Friendship	J. Lakin	3
104	Tarlton	I. H. Robison	3
105	Moriah	John A. Weyer	3
106	Fellowship	S. W. Ritchey	3
107	Washington	S. Milliken, I. L. Shinnick.	3
108	Washington	F. W. Thornhill, E. M. Lewis	3
109	Batavia	A. S. Mount	3
111	Corinthian	James McLaughlin, H. Linkin, I. Goodlive	3
112	Wood County..	Emileus Wood	3
113	Clinton	B. W. Mann	3
114	Warrenton	John McAdams	3
115	Hanover	I. E. Huston	3
116	Hebron	Samuel Wintrode	2
118	Malta	Thomas Maxfield, D. Sinebaugh, K. Maxfield	1
119	Goshen	Thomas H. Foulds	3
120	Marion	D. Isgrigg	3
121	Mercer	George C. McCune	3
122	Washington	William Johnston	3
123	Phœnix	Jairus Curtis	1
124	Carroll	M. J. Tiernan	3
126	Sparta	Joseph Ankeny	3
127	Union	H. T. Sage	3
131	Vinton	H. Wilcox	3
132	Amity	William Trago	3
133	Cincinnati	A. Death, J. Ernst, C. F. Dempsey	3
134	Columbiana	J.Y. Hopkins, I. P. Warden	3
135	Butlerville	Luther Adams	3
136	Sharon	J. M. Stone, Samuel Fowler, Wm. McKee	3
137	Harrisville	B. Kidder	3
138	Chandler	W. H. Squires	3
139	Bucyrus	I. E. Jewett	3

UNDER DISPENSATION.

Lodges.	*Representatives.*	*Votes.*
Magnolia	W. B. Hubbard, T. Griffith	2
Greenville	W. M. Wilson	1
Toledo	L. S. Lounsbury	2
Western Sun	Jesse W. Kittle	1
Malta, (of Malta)	James Cornelius, J. Davis, M. Seaman	3
Cheviot	E. Carson	3
Hamer	John E. McGaw	3
Rimmon	William B. Moore	3
Dayton	John Sayre	3
Mount Olive	S. W. Smith	3
McMillan	John L Vattier	3
Aberdeen	Caleb Atherton	3
Buckeye	David Fagan	3
Ashland	C. R. Deming	3
Venice	Joseph Hildreth	3

And the following named Grand Officers, who are entitled to one vote each, to wit:

M. W. William B. Thrall, Grand Master.
R. W. George Keifer, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Michael Z. Kreider, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Jonathan N. Burr, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Timothy Griffith, Grand Treasurer.
" " Benjamin F. Smith, Grand Secretary.
" " William P. Strickland, Grand Orator.
R. W. Kent Jarvis, Grand Marshal.
" " Jacob Ernst, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " Jairus Curtis, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer.
M. W. William Fielding, Past Grand Master.
R. W. M. M. Laughlin, Past Dep. Grand Master.

Making ninety-four chartered Lodges and sixteen working under dispensations.

All which is respectfully submitted.

John Leidy,
Benjamin F. Smith,
Timothy Griffith.

There being a constitutional number of Lodges duly represented, the R. W. Grand Marshal, by the order of the M. W. Grand Master, proclaimed The Grand Lodge of Ohio duly organized for the transaction of business.

Whereupon an ode, ("All hail! to the morning,") was sung by the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the Grand Lodge took a recess until two o'clock this afternoon.

Tuesday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met and resumed its labors.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master announced the appointment of the following standing committees, to wit:

On Accounts—Brothers Bancroft, Root, Millikan, Beeson and Henry.

On Charters and Dispensations—Brothers Keifer, Dodds, Thompson, Jarvis and Barrere.

On Foreign Correspondence—Brothers Kreider, Hubbard, A. Davis, Trevor and Benjamin.

On Ways and Means—Brothers Hubbard, McCammon, Hivling, Thornhill and Green.

On Charity—Brothers Glenny, Cornelius, Harris, Redmond and Brown.

On Grievances—Brothers Burr, Work, Barnum, Johnston and Ward.

On Unfinished Business—Brothers Tiernan, Squires, Harbaugh, Parmele and Wilson.

On Pay Roll—Brothers Gotshall, Young, Kuhn, Laughlin and Skerrett.

The M. W. Grand Master presented his annual communication in the following very appropriate language:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Another period of twelve months has transpired since last we met in grand communication; and again we are assembled to mingle fraternal counsels, and renew our mutual vows of brotherhood. And it is a soul-cheering reflection, that during all this period, as well in recess as in communication, the goodness of God has been continually over us and around us. What shall we render unto our Supreme Grand Master for his watchful care and bountiful providence for us his frail and erring creatures? Let us, brethren, take the cup of thanksgiving, and, with united heart and voice, bless the Lord with fervency of soul—while all that are of us shall unite to bless His holy name.

Allow me, brethren, to congratulate you—and through you the entire brotherhood of our jurisdiction—upon the favorable circumstances under which it is our privilege to assemble on the present occasion. Occupying in our country a geographical position nearly equidistant between the *east* and the *west*—in sufficient proximity to the *south* to participate in its benign and fructifying beams, without encountering its scorching rays—and yet, not so far removed from the *north* as to render unavailable its cooling fountains and refreshing shades; we may say, in all truth and soberness, that Masonically, as well as geographically, "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places." That storm, whose elements were prejudice, fanaticism and malice, and which, within the memory of many now present, swept like a tornado over the land, has spent its fury, and is now hushed as in the stillness of the morning. And the dark clouds of error and injustice which hung like a midnight pall over our old institution, have given place to the lights of reason and of truth. And although it is hardly to be expected that all minds will, while viewing things "as through a glass, darkly," behold with unobscured vision our humble efforts at "Faith, Hope and Charity,"—yet it is cause of profound satisfaction that we are allowed to pursue, unmolested and undisturbed, the labors of our mystic temple; hoping at last to meet our abundant reward for all we do or suffer here, in "that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens!"

During the year just passed, the Grand Lodge has been thrice convened in special grand communication, to wit: On the 19th day of May, at London, by request of Chandler Lodge No. 138, for the installation of the officers of that Lodge, and to preside over the public exercises of the occasion, so full of interest to that young and flourishing branch of our fraternal fold. On the 24th of June, at Chillicothe, by invitation of Scioto Lodge No. 6, to participate with the brethren of that and the surrounding counties, in the usual solemnities observed on the festival of the nativity of our ancient patron, St. John the Baptist. And on the same day, at New Salem, by request of Salem Lodge No. 87, to lay, with the ancient rites and solemnities of the Order, the corner-stone of a Masonic edifice in that place. On the two occasions first enumerated it was my happiness to be personally present; on the latter, I was represented by the worthy and distinguished brother, our Senior Grand Warden.

Each of the occasions to which I was able to give my personal attendance, I have good reason to believe, has been blessed to the local Lodge immediately concerned therein, not only in awakening and calling into action, among the members composing it, a true Masonic spirit, and zeal for the honor and welfare of our time-honored institution, but also in presenting it in something of its pristine simplicity and beauty to the uninitiate community. And while genuine Masonry seeketh not her own, and rejects as wholly unworthy her high and holy calling every thing like a spirit of proselytism, or courting the patronal smiles of those without her pale—yet it is admissible, on suitable occasions, to adopt proper and legitimate means for exhibiting to a candid world, the purity and loveliness of her teachings.

I would by no means be understood as recommending a frequent and indiscriminate display of Freemasonry before a promiscuous and uninquiring public. To be appreciated truly, she must be sought after with diligence—not obtruded upon the gaze of idle curiosity. And although occasions often present when it is both proper and appropriate to lead her gently forth from her chosen retreat, yet I am fully persuaded that her tenets may be best exemplified, and her benign influences most extensively diffused, by a careful observance, on the part of her members, of the simple and sublime lessons of the Lodge-room. These remarks—intended for general and not for special application—have been induced from the reflection that within the year now just elapsed, a greater number of new Lodges have been instituted within our jurisdiction than in any previous period of the same term; and from the well known fact that Lodges in the juvenile term of their existence, flushed with the ardor of youth, and urged forward by a zeal not always tempered with mature discretion, are prone to desire an opportunity to place their light in a candlestick, that it may "shine before men," when perhaps its injudicious exposure to the blasts of an uncandid world might dim its effulgence, if indeed it did not extinguish its light forever.

Besides performing the pleasing duties already enumerated, I have issued, since our last annual meeting, letters of dispensation constituting thirteen new Lodges, as follows, to wit:

Nov. 13. To Malta Lodge, Malta, Morgan county, consisting of Brothers James Cornelius, J. G. Shock, Joshua Davis, H. Dunsmoor, A. Daniels, Thomas D. Cheadle, Joseph S. McCuskey, Milton Seaman and H. C. Grommel.

Dec. 10. To Mt. Olive Lodge, Plymouth, Washington county, consisting of Brothers George C. King, Job S. King, Samuel W. Smith, John Worrell, David Willis, William Hodgin, Levi Heald, William Calvert, William Cougle, William White, Harris Densmore and William Hatfield.

January 1. To Toledo Lodge, Toledo, Lucas county, consisting of Brothers Levi S. Lounsbury, Daniel McBain, Henry W. Goettel, Jacob Landsman, P. H. Timpany, Thomas D. Thomas, Robert N. Lawton and T. S. Hoskins.

April 15. To Aberdeen Lodge, at Aberdeen, Brown county, consisting of Brothers Caleb Atherton, Marshall McKinley, Thomas P. Mills, J. H. Worstell, James Dennis, Thomas M. Moore, William Richards, Jesse Ellis and Samuel Dewstine.

April 19. To Hamer Lodge, at Bethlehem, Stark county, consisting of Brothers John E. McGaw, James Gardner, James Leeper, John Erb, Anot Stahl, C. A. Brobst, John Olmsted and T. S. Hoskins.

April 26. To Ashland Lodge, Ashland, Ashland county, consisting of Brothers Charles R. Deming, Lorin Andrews, B. F. Whitney, William A. Hunter, Luther M. Pratt, James McNulty, Bela B. Clark, George W. Urice, Sage Kellogg and Wells Kellogg.

May 15. To Western Sun Lodge, at Wheelersburgh, Scioto county, consisting of Brothers Jesse W. Kettle, Ezekiel Flanders, Samuel Gould, Seymour Pixley, William M. Broske, Benjamin Burt, Wesley Corns and Alex. Baty.

May 18. To McMillan Lodge, Cincinnati, consisting of Brothers John L. Vattier, John N. Ridgway, W. M. Cameron, Thomas Graham, Cyrus Welch, John Dennhard, W. G. Dodman, William A. Coner, C. F. Thomin, William Hoffman, W. Winters, W. H. Boehringer and Lewis Miller.

June 8. To Rimmon Lodge, at Urbana, consisting of Brothers John A. Corwin, William B. Moore, John C. Nigh, Levi Crabill, Abraham Zombro, Nelson Rhodes, John Gore and William Carothers.

June 10. To Magnolia Lodge, Columbus, consisting of Brothers Bela Latham, Benjamin F. Martin, Henry A. Field, John W. Milligan, Daniel T. Woodbury, James T. Donahoo, Nathaniel Merion, Harvy Fletcher, Harvy Bancroft and William Harrison.

July 30. To Venus Lodge, Mansfield, consisting of Brothers Joseph Hildreth, James Cantwell, Eli Teegarden, Charles Boyle, Joseph Ritter, Abner Wright, Francis Hammer Jr., Joseph P. Dugham, George Armintrout and William Bushnell.

August 2. To Buckeye Lodge, at New Richmond, Clermont county. consisting of Brothers John Bell, John Dimmitt, Thomas Young, Daniel Gibson, A. D. Witson, George Allen, William H. Moss, David Walker, Milton Kennedy and Bennett Carter.

Sept. 29. To Farmers' Lodge, Fredonia, Licking county, consisting of Brothers Syene Hall, Silas Willard, Timothy Spelman, C. Divenney, J. P. Divenney, Stephen Cooper, Thomas McClellan, Sollis Runnels, Daniel Eastman, Phineas Inskeep, Bryant Thornhill, Elmas Wheaton, Crandell Rosecrans and Lewis Frenier.

In addition to the foregoing, I am apprised of at least three other Lodges, working under letters of dispensation granted by the Right Worshipful Brother our Deputy Grand Master—making in all sixteen new Lodges which have commenced their labors among us since our last annual meeting.

As the rapid increase of numbers is not always a true indication of the prosperous condition of a Lodge, so neither is the rapid increase of Lodges an infallible index to the highest attainments in Masonic welfare among the fraternity. At the adoption of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, four years since, increased guards were thrown around the subject, with a view to greater security in the prospective and gradual diffusion of Masonry throughout our widely extended jurisdiction. This was

done in abundance of caution; for at that time, the dangers which prompted the action of the Grand Lodge in this particular were regarded as having only a contingent existence, to be guarded against in the remote future. If those apprehensions are not entirely illusory—if there be indeed reason to apprehend danger from a source which the superficial observer might regard as a token of redundant prosperity—then it would seem to be time that the wisdom of the Grand Lodge were invoked to devise and apply the appropriate remedy. This subject arrested the attention of, and elicited an able report from one of the standing committees of your body, at our grand communication two years ago; but in the multiplicity of business necessarily pressed into so short a period of time as is allotted to our annual meetings, it failed at that time to receive at your hands that consideration which perhaps its intrinsic importance deserves. It is with great deference, therefore, that I respectfully present the subject for your deliberation at the present time.

Complaint having been officially preferred by Somerset Lodge No. 76, of known violations by Salem Lodge No. 87, of the "Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges of Ohio," whereby the jurisdiction and rights of said Somerset Lodge were impinged; and there being no prescribed penalty for the violation of said Rules and Regulations, I was somewhat at a loss as to what course it became me to adopt in the matter. Being unable to visit the Lodges personally, for the purpose of endeavoring to effect an adjustment of the subsisting difficulty; and being unprovided with a contingent fund, out of which to compensate another for undertaking that delicate duty, I felt constrained, though reluctantly, to exercise the power vested in the Grand Master by Article IX of the Constitution; and accordingly, on the 8th day of the present month, I "suspended the functions of Salem Lodge No. 87," until the present meeting of the Grand Lodge—and notified the Master of said Lodge, as also the Master of Somerset Lodge No. 76, of the action had by me in the premises. In the mean time, the charter, furniture, jewels and effects of the suspended Lodge are entrusted to the custody of the Master of said Lodge, until action be taken in the matter by the Grand Lodge.

Previous to the session of the Grand Lodge in October, 1843, that body had adopted no Constitution as the fundamental law for its government; and its By-Laws were so inadequately framed, and so imperfectly promulgated, as to admit of doubts among the best informed of its members whether there were in fact any such By-Laws in force. At that time, the draft of a carefully digested Constitution and code of By-Laws, together with the Rules and Regulations for governing the Lodges of Ohio, was reported by a committee previously charged with that duty, and received the unanimous sanction of the Grand Lodge. At our last grand communication, those By-Laws were amended in a single particular—which is the only change introduced into the system as adopted from the hands of the committee. This fact shows that, although the labor of the committee partook of the imperfection incident to all human efforts, yet it came as near supplying the exigencies and meeting the wants of the Grand Lodge as could reasonably have been expected. A proposition was submitted at the last annual communication, and awaits your present action, to amend the XVth section of the "Rules and Regulations," by abrogating so much thereof as has reference to civil divisions as the boundaries of Masonic jurisdiction. It is quite desirable that all the rules of action having reference to Lodges as well as to individuals, should be thoroughly understood by all upon whom they operate. And to this end, those rules should be few, simple and permanent; because, by attempting to provide enactments for every supposable case, your code would become so diffuse and complex as to be studied and understood by but few. If not plain and simple in their structure, they would be constantly liable to misapprehension and misconstruction; and if subject to frequent changes, it would soon become next to impossible to know what those rules really are and what they were at any given time.

Fortunately for our Order, its interests require little of the aids of legislation. We live in an age of experiments—and, as a people, are proverbial for our proneness to change in the fashion of our laws. However this may succeed in other departments of life, it can hardly prove a wise or salutary policy in regard to the institution of Free-

masonry. It possesses certain well defined "*landmarks*" of universal application, which have come down to us from the remotest ages of social organization; and which are subject to no vicissitudes of time or fortune. They are acknowledged by the mystic brotherhood, of whatever clime; and are to us instead of laws. Be it our care to abide in *the old paths*—for they are ways of pleasantness, and conduct to peace.

Our trusty and well beloved Brother REED, who has for several years past sustained the office of Grand Lecturer with great skill and singular fidelity, has signified to me his purpose to retire from that arduous and responsible post; and I feel that I should not fully have discharged my duty to the Craft, were I to suffer the present occasion to pass without bearing public testimony to the self-sacrificing freedom—the ardent fervency—and the untiring zeal with which he has discharged the duties of his trust. I am persuaded that neither the fraternity of Ohio, nor even the Grand Lodge itself, is fully apprized of the amount of labor devolved upon that officer within the last few years. And yet no Lodge has been deprived of his services by reason of its being unable to make him pecuniary compensation—for with him, *that* has ever been a matter of entirely subordinate consideration. Those rich in good deeds, and earnestly urging forward the cause of *Brotherly Love*, *Relief* and *Truth*, have found in him a zealous and persevering co-laborer—one who never paused in his career to inquire whether his compensation were to be dispensed with princely munificence, or meted out with miser's care.

I have heretofore repeatedly signified my wish to retire from the station to which the partiality of my brethren of the Grand Lodge has assigned me. That desire remains in unabated force. It is prompted by no abatement of zeal for the interests of the Craft, and no disinclination on my part for continued labor to subserve those interests. The repeated expressions of your confidence, by my election for a series of years to preside over your councils and your interests, will challenge my lasting and grateful acknowledgments. The time has now arrived when those labors can be advantageously transferred to other hands; and in retiring from the responsibilities of my station, I have the gratifying consciousness of having endeavored to discharge its duties with fidelity and impartiality. I shall carry with me, into retirement, no other feelings than those of kindness for the Masonic fraternity of Ohio, individually and collectively. Within the year past, several communications have been addressed to me to which I have returned no reply. I take this occasion to say, in explanation of that fact, that it has resulted from stern necessity; and to assure my brethren who may have felt themselves neglected in this particular, that it proceeded from no want of respect on my part—but solely from physical inability to maintain such correspondence without neglecting other and indispensable duties to my daily vocation. With this explanation I throw myself upon their indulgence.

In conclusion, brethren, suffer a word of exhortation. Persevere in urging forward the cause of Charity and Universal Benevolence. Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is. And may the God of Peace delight to be with and to bless you with the rich blessings of His grace. May brotherly love prevail in your councils, and every moral and social virtue cement us in our grand design.

WILLIAM B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

Zanesville, October 20, 1847.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the communication of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to a select committee of three, to designate appropriate committees to whom its several subjects should be referred.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Hubbard, Vattier and Wintrode said committee.

Brother *Kreider* presented the following report, which was referred to the standing committee on Accounts:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

The balance stated in my report of October 17, 1846, (see last year's proceedings,) to be due from R. M. Ainsworth, for stone, $51.31, was, together with interest, $2.87, paid to me on the 22d of September last; and out of it I have paid the taxes on the Grand Lodge property in this place.

Amount collected of Ainsworth		$54 18
Deduct taxes paid	$4 33	
Deduct for services	25 00	
		29 33
Balance herewith remitted to Grand Treasurer		$24 85

The tax receipts are inclosed. This closes my connection with the property of the Grand Lodge at this place.

Lancaster, October 16, 1847. M. A. DOUGHERTY.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master presented the following communication, which, on motion was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations:

To the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

BRETHREN — I proceed, in compliance with the requirements of our laws, to communicate to you a statement of my official acts during the past year. I am, of necessity, very brief. On the eve of St. John the Evangelist, I attended the dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Troy, and publicly installed the officers of Franklin Lodge No. 14.

Letters of dispensation have been granted by me to three new Lodges, that is to say:

On the 10th day of May, to Brothers John Sayre, E. Stibbins, Daniel Beckel, J. L. Howard, James Collins, G. E. Hayns, George C. Davis, D. C. Spining, David Clark, M. W. Wolf, Richard Green, Daniel Bickford, J. T. Reed, Henry Kissinger, J. W. Cary, James Cummings, Elias Rector, Elias Favorite, L. Baringer, J. Jones, S. B. Murphy and their associates, at the city of Dayton, by the name of Dayton Lodge.

On the 21st of July, to Brothers William Wilson, John Tomlinson, Adam Koogles, E. Bromeger, J. C. Simon, B. Cary, David Beers, William Schmidt, John Sweitzer, R. D. Olafield, A. W. Sanford, and their associates, at Greenville, in Darke county, by the name of Greenville Lodge.

On the 29th of September, to Brothers S. T. Stuart, J. M. Harwood, C. W. Carlton, Charles Dodds, J. C. Moody, Charles W. Beebe, John Kensinger, David R. Mop, and their associates, at Covington, Miami county, by name of Covington Lodge.

I attended in person at the organization of the Lodges before named.

The moral and Masonic character of the applicants for the foregoing Lodges, afford the surest guarantee that the important duty committed to their charge will be executed with zeal and ability, and that the pure principles of friendship, morality, and brotherly love will be exemplified in their lives and conduct, as well with the world at large as in their intercourse with each other. In each case the legal fee of fifty dollars has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE KEIFER, *D. G. M.*

October 19, 1847.

On motion of Brother *Vattier*, the dispensations, By-Laws and proceedings of McMillan, Cheviot, Venus and Toledo Lodges, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

A petition for a new Lodge at the town of Vienna, in Clinton county, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The appeal of Joseph Smith was presented, and, on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances.

On motion of Brother *Gotshall*, the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Magnolia Lodge were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Hubbard*, from the select committee to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom the M. W. Grand Master's communication was referred, have had the same under consideration and herewith report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the communication as relates to Masonic festivals and public celebrations, be referred to a select committee of five members;

That so much as relates to Charters and Dispensations, be referred to the committee on those subjects;

That so much as relates to the rapid increase of subordinate Lodges, be referred to a select committee of five members;

That so much as relates to Salem Lodge No. 87, be referred to the committee on Grievances;

That so much as relates to a contingent fund, be referred to the committee on Ways and Means;

That so much as relates to amendments of the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of the Grand Lodge, be referred to a committee of the whole Grand Lodge;

That so much as relates to the Grand Lecturer, and the office thereof, be referred to a select committee of five.

W. B. Hubbard,
J. L. Vattier,
S. Wintrode.

Brother *Grand Secretary* presented a letter from J. Campbell, of Ripley; which, on motion was referred to the committee on Grievances.

The dispensations, By-Laws and proceedings of several Lodges working under dispensations, were presented and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following select committees on the M. W. Grand Master's annual communication:

On so much as relates to Masonic Festivals — Brothers Gotshall, Creighton, Culbertson, Dodge and Taylor.

On the rapid increase of subordinate Lodges — Brothers Hubbard, Laughlin, High, McAdams and Brunner.

On Grand Lecturer and the office thereof — Brothers Latham, Lounsberry, Bell, Wood, and Isgrigg.

On motion of Brother *Barrere*, it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing not members of the Grand Lodge are invited to take seats therein as visiting brethren.

The amended By-Laws of Union Lodge No. 102, were presented and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*,

The dispensation and proceedings of Rimmon Lodge, at Urbana, Greenville Lodge, at Greenville; Covington Lodge, at Covington; and Dayton Lodge, at Dayton, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Leidy* presented the amended By-Laws of Somerset Lodge No. 76; which were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Grand Secretary* presented and read a communication from Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer; which, on motion, was referred to the select committee appointed on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to the Grand Lecturer and the office thereof.

Brother *Griffith* made a report as Grand Treasurer; which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Jarvis* offered the following resolution, which, on motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved. That the committee on the Pay Roll be instructed to make their report for the present communication at three days labor, including the usual mileage.

Brother *Grand Treasurer* submitted the following report, which was agreed to:

Pursuant to a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, adopted at its late regular communication, the undersigned, Grand Treasurer, has the honor to submit the following statement in relation to the blank Grand Lodge bonds placed in his hands by a former committee on the debts and credits of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

Total number of blanks received, signed, unsigned and defective, 202; of which 20 have been issued from time to time in conformity with orders and resolutions of the Grand Lodge. Burnt, this day, in the presence of Wm. B. Hubbard and H. M. Hubbard, Master Masons, 172. The remainder, 10 in number, are kept on hand, subject to redeem in part bonds outstanding, by new issue, under the provisions of the act of 1846, should they be presented for redemption while said act remains in force.

Respectfully submitted.

TIMO. GRIEFITH, *Grand Treasurer.*

COLUMBUS, Oct. 16, 1847.

We, the undersigned Master Masons, hereby certify, that on the 16th day of October, 1846, Timothy Griffith did, in our presence, burn and wholly destroy one hundred and seventy-two blank Grand Lodge bonds as by him above stated.

H. M. HUBBARD,
W. B. HUBBARD.

Brother *Young* offered the following resolutions, which, on motion, were referred to the select committee to which was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to the rapid increase of subordinate Lodges:

Resolved, That all future applications for charters and dispensations for Master Masons' Lodges be required to be accompanied by a certificate of the Master and Wardens of the nearest working Lodge, setting forth that at least two of the petitioners are well acquainted with the several lectures of the three first degrees of Masonry and well skilled in the work.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution shall be considered explanatory of the present constitutional requirements in such case made and provided.

Brother *Griffith*, from the committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The undersigned, committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, herewith submits the following report of his proceedings in the premises, during the past year:

Certificate of funded debt reported by this committee to be outstanding, Oct. 21, 1846, amounted to			$1,967 81
Deduct the amount credited on certificate No. 50, by M. A. Dougherty, for proceeds of stone sold and applied			45 16
Leaving subject to draft upon this committee			$1,922 65
Paid by the committee under the act of 1846, authorizing seventy cents on the dollar to be paid			1,182 76
Total funded debt outstanding Oct. 18, 1847			$739 89
Grand Lodge Bonds, payable October 21, 1845, including interest, reported outstanding October 21, 1846		$104 99	
Redeemed by the committee since that period		78 68	
Interest reported due on the funded debt, Oct. 21, 1846		$172 89	26 31
Paid by this committee during the year	$149 27		
Paid by Brother J. T. Arthur, late Grand Secretary in 1845, not heretofore charged to this account	4 50		
		153 77	
			19 12
Interest accruing on the funded debt during the year ending Oct. 21, 1847			34 23
Total liabilities outstanding			$819 55

It will be perceived, from the foregoing figures, that the sum of one thousand four hundred and ten dollars and seventy-one cents of the surplus funds in the treasury, has been applied during the past year to the extinguishment of the funded debt, Grand Lodge bonds and interest. There has also been applied the sum of forty-five dollars and sixteen cents of the proceeds of sales of stone at Lancaster; also, four dollars and fifty cents of interest paid in the year 1845, by John T. Arthur, late Grand Secretary, not heretofore charged to interest account, nor credited to him on settlement, making in the aggregate of surplus means thus applied the sum of one thousand four hundred and sixty dollars and thirty-seven cents.

The balance of the outstanding indebtedness, reported by this committee at the last grand communication, remaining unpaid, is seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and thirty-two cents; to which may be added thirty-four dollars and twenty-three cents, interest accruing on that portion of the funded debt, for the payment of which no provision has yet been made, showing the entire known indebtedness of the Grand Lodge to be eight hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty-five cents.

The undersigned is happy to add that no further claims of any description have been presented to him for adjustment during the past year, those approved by the Grand Lodge excepted. The lapse of time that has occurred since the money-spending and debt-contracting policy that once prevailed in the counsels of the Grand Lodge, to an extent seriously threatening its very existence, has been so successfully checked by the introduction of a wholesome and rigid system of retrenchment and economy into its financial department, that your committee feels warranted in the expression of his belief, that no valid claim now exists against the Grand Lodge unadjusted.

Respectfully submitted.

TIMO. GRIFFITH, *Committee.*

Brother *Bancroft* presented the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Farmer Lodge; which were referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The appeal of Charles Williams from the decision of Columbia Lodge No. 44, was referred to a select committee consisting of Brothers Isgrigg, Vattier and Death.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That all moneys, if any, remaining in the hands of the select committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge, be paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

2. That out of the moneys now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, there be appropriated and paid to the lawful holder thereof, the whole of the funded debt and bonds of the Grand Lodge, and together therewith the interest on each up to and inclusive of the 20th day of October, inst.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a letter from J. Irvine, of Nauvoo, Illinois, which was, on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Skerrett* presented the following preamble and resolution, which were, on motion, referred to the committee on Grievances:

WHEREAS, Brother Abraham Steinan, who was expelled from Scioto Lodge No. 6, in October, 1846, now appeals his case to the Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That the papers relating to the case of said Abraham Steinan be referred to the committee on Grievances.

The Grand Lodge thereupon adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

W. B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

WEDNESDAY, October 20, 9 o'clock A. M.

The M. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and resumed its labors, the M. W. Grand Master presiding.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Certain questions addressed to the M. W. Grand Master, from a number of individuals residing in the city of Cincinnati, were presented, and referred to a select committee of three, to wit: Brothers A. Davis, Death and Enyard.

On motion of Brother *Ellis*,

Resolved, That the proceedings in the case of Brother A. Knowles, who appeals from the decision of Union Lodge No. 102, be referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Hopkins* made the following statement to, and inquiry of the Grand Lodge, which were also referred to Brothers Davis, Death and Enyard:

At a meeting of Columbia Lodge, in July last, petitions were presented by A. C. Gay and C. Brown, (both colored men,) praying to be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Said petitions were referred to a committee who reported favorably to the character of the individuals, but recommend that before a ballot be taken, the following query be propounded to the Grand Lodge:

Would it be practicable in Ohio to receive colored persons into our Lodges? And would the Grand Lodge grant a charter for a Lodge of colored persons, if the requisite number would apply?

Brother *Hubbard*, from the select committee on the M. W. Grand Master's communication, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual communication as relates to the rapid increase of subordinate Lodges, and also the resolution explanatory (as stated) of the organic law on the subject of Masonic qualifications of petitioners, have had the same under consideration, and herewith report:

That an opinion has obtained to some extent among the fraternity, that the compliance with the imperative and preparatory requisitions of the organic law, as contained

in Articles 12, 13 and 14, gives the Masonic *right* to the petitioners, and, as a *matter of course*, to have the dispensation granted. In this opinion your committee do not concur.

The provisions alluded to are deemed by your committee of vital importance in reference to the constituting of new Lodges. That they should be faithfully and rigidly observed, and carried out in pratice; but that however strictly observed, they by no means take from the M. W. Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or Deputy, the *discretion* of withholding their respective assents to the granting of the petition.

The power that inherently resides in the Grand Lodge, of granting or withholding its assent for the creation of new Lodges, is, by Article 11, vested in the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, severally, during recess of the Grand Lodge. This, as will be seen by inspection, is a grant of *power*, which may be exercised or not. in the sound judgment and discretion in that particular, of these respective officers and agents of the Grand Lodge. It is not made an *obligatory duty* on the part of those officers to grant the dispensation, although otherwise formally correct; or it would have said so. And your committee entertain the belief, in accordance with the ancient usages of the olden Book of Constitutions, that our organic law necessarily implies that the Grand Master, or Deputy, should carefully examine into the nature of the application, the proposed location of the intended Lodge, the proximity it bears to other Lodges—whether a reasonable support may be expected for it, without, in its progress, injuring the progress and means of adjacent and chartered Lodges—whether such new Lodge, if established, would probably become a burden to the Grand Lodge, instead of a benefit to it, and whether, in fact, and upon a careful survey of all the matters relating to it, the Grand Lodge and Masonry in general would be benefited by the admision of the applicant into the family of subordinate Lodges. It is believed, then, on the part of your committee, that the exercise of a *sound discretion* on the part of the high functionaries, dictated by a knowledge of all the circumstances attending such new application, will rarely result in the granting, improperly, of a warrant of dispensation to establish a new Lodge.

But if, for any cause, a dispensation is issued that ought not to have been, the provisions of Masonry are fully adequate to the correction of the error. An imperious duty devolves upon the Grand Lodge, to revise all the doings of its chief officers in its recess, and to approve or disapprove them as it may appear correct, expedient and proper. Sec. 4 of the By-Laws points out the course to be pursued in regard to all Lodges working under dispensation, and to grant or withhold charters as the facts developed may justify. Numerous other provisions are to be found throughout our rules and regulations, which, if faithfully observed on the part of the Grand Lodge, will sustain, keep and preserve none but competent and useful subordinates.

The present is a period, in the history of Masonry in this state, that may well arouse the most vigilant *caution* on the part of the Grand Lodge and its officers, as to the admission of new Lodges, and your committee most heartily concur with the M. W. Grand Master in the views by him expressed on this subject. The rapid increase of new Lodges may be considered as an index to the public mind on the subject of Masonry, and that she is no longer unpopular, but popular as an institution. Now is the time, then, for *redoubled care* and *vigilance* on the part of those who are intrusted with power and authority to keep and preserve our Order free and uncontaminated. And your committee have, therefore, designedly brought into view and consideration the powers and duties of the Grand Officers and of the Grand Lodge, to the end that they be exercised in the true spirit of our institution, and thereby be and remain the anchor and hope of our safety now and evermore. In accordance with these views, and in aid of the various checks and guards that are to be found throughout the whole body of our laws and usages, for the non-admission of improper Lodges, your committee offer and recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the "*Masonic qualifications*," in addition to the "moral character," required in Article XII, relates to the full number of *eight* named therein, and means that *each* understand the work of the first three degrees.

Resolved, That the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations be instructed to report against the granting of a charter for any new Lodge, when, upon careful

examination, it is probable that such new Lodge will, in time to come, be a constant expense or burden to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations have the undoubted right to report in favor of or against the issuing of a charter on a dispensation heretofore, though regularly issued, as they may judge for the just interests of the Grand Lodge, of the subordinates working under charters, and of Masonry in general; and in case such committee report against the issuing of a charter to a Lodge applying under dispensation, they must state and set forth, succinctly, their reasons for such rejection.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, and Deputy Grand Master, in recess of the Grand Lodge, have the undoubted right, and it is their bounden official duty to grant or withhold warrants of dispensation for new Lodges, as to them, in the exercise of a sound discretion, may appear for the best interests of Masonry, although the applications for such dispensations may be formally correct.

Resolved, That it be recommended to, and required of each subordinate Lodge, by its By-Laws, to provide that every applicant for a higher degree, shall, before being balloted for for such advancement, be examined in open Lodge, and be thus found qualified by a knowledge of at least the work lecture of the degree or degrees by him then possessed.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the subordinate Lodges, uniformly, to provide, by their By-Laws, that the fees for conferring the first three degrees, shall in no case, be less than twenty dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Hubbard,
M. M. Laughlin,
John McAdams,
George Brunner,
Nathan High.

Which report was accepted and the first resolution adopted.

Brother *Mc Cune* moved that the remaining resolutions be laid on the table until to-morrow morning; which motion was lost.

Brother *Sage* proposed the following amendment to the second resolution, which was lost:

"Provided that this resolution shall not affect Lodges already working under dispensation in obtaining charters."

Brother *Davis* proposed an amendment to said resolution, which was lost.

The question being then taken on said resolution, the same was adopted without amendment.

On motion, the third and fourth resolutions were adopted.

The fifth resolution being under consideration, Brother *Sage* moved to amend the same by adding the words, "except in case of emergency;" which motion to amend was lost.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution as recommended by the committee, the same was adopted.

Brother *Mc Cune* moved the indefinite postponement of the sixth resolution; which motion was lost.

The question being taken, the sixth resolution was adopted.

The amended By-Laws of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, and Lafayette Lodge No. 79, were presented and referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Jarvis* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as it has been found by our Brother, the Grand Orator, to be impracticable for him to be present and discharge his official duties at the present grand communication, Brother W. B. Hubbard be and he is hereby requested to supply that vacancy by delivering a public address this day.

The M. W. Grand Master stated to the Grand Lodge that he had just been informed that Brother Latham is unable, by reason of indisposition, to perform the duties assigned him on the select committee appointed on the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Master, and therefore he appointed Brother Bowen to supply his place on said committee.

On motion of Brother *Emmet*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the petition of the brethren of King Solomon's Lodge No. 56, at Elyria, Lorain county, praying authority to resume their labors under their charter, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Keifer*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report: That they have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of the following Lodges and find them correct:

Dayton Lodge No. —, in Dayton, Montgomery county.

Rimmon Lodge No. —, in Urbana, Champaign county.

Magnolia Lodge No. —, Columbus, Franklin county.

Venus Lodge No. —, in Mansfield, Richland county.

Cheviot Lodge No. —, in Cheviot, Hamilton county.

Your committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Aberdeen Lodge, No. —, in Aberdeen, Brown county, and find the proceedings of said Lodge correct, and the By-Laws, except the last clause of the 4th section of Article V. The committee would recommend to said Lodge to strike out all after the word "November," to wit: "and any member failing to comply with this provision shall forfeit his right of voting, and be ineligible to office in this Lodge during his delinquency, the continuance of which, for one year, shall subject him to suspension, any thing in these By-Laws to the contrary notwithstanding."

Your committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Hamer Lodge No. —, in Bethlehem, Stark county, and find the proceedings correct, and By-Laws, with the following exceptions, to wit:

The committee would recommend that Article V. of the By-Laws of said Lodge be stricken out; that the word "regular" be inserted before the word "communication," in Article X; that all after the word "mistake," in the 12th section, be stricken out; and that the words "and recommendation for a Grand Lodge certificate," in Article XXVII, be stricken out.

Your committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of McMillan Lodge No. —, in Cincinnati, Hamilton county, and find them correct, with this exception: That in the XXIst Article of the By-Laws of said Lodge, your committee would recommend to said Lodge to strike out the word "resignation."

The committee have also examined the dispensation, By Laws and proceedings of Greenville Lodge No. —, in Greenville, Darke county, and find the same correct.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That charters be granted to Dayton Lodge, to be No. —; to Rimmon Lodge, to be No. —; to Magnolia Lodge, to be No. —; to Venus Lodge, to be No. —; to Cheviot Lodge, to be No. —; to Aberdeen Lodge, to be No. —; to Hamer Lodge, to be No. —; to McMillan Lodge, to be No. —; and to Greenville Lodge, to be No. —.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. Keifer,
W. B. Dodds,
Geo. W. Thompson,
Kent Jarvis,
John M. Barrere.

The committee also recommended the adoption of the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the delegates in attendance from the foregoing Lodges be admitted to take their seats as members of the Grand Lodge on payment of their dues.

The same committee made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the amended By-Laws of Steubenville Lodge No. 45, have examined the same and find them in accordance with the rules, laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the same are hereby approved. All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. KEIFER,
W. B. DODDS,
GEO. W. THOMPSON,
KENT JARVIS,
JOHN M. BARRERE.

On motion of Brother *Hildreth*, the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Ashland Loge No. —, of Buckeye Lodge No. —, and of Malta Lodge No. —, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

On motion of Brother *Hildreth*, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at the McIntyre Academy at half past 12 o'clock this afternoon.

HALF PAST TWELVE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, the Grand Lodge was summoned from labor to refreshment, and proceeded, under the direction of the R. W. Brother KENT JARVIS, Grand Marshal, and asssistants, to the Episcopal Church, where the exercises were opened by an appropriate prayer by the R. W. Grand Senior Warden, and succeeded by music from the choir and the band.

Thereupon the R. W. Brother W. B. HUBBARD delivered a very able and appropriate address. The exercises at the church were concluded by prayer and music, when the procession again formed and returned to the Lodge Hall, and the Grand Lodge resumed its labors.

On motion, the petition of sundry brethren at Russelville and its vicinity, praying for a dispensation for a new Lodge, was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Griffith* presented the receipt of Brother James D. Caldwell, late Grand Secretary, in favor of Georgetown Lodge, for fifteen dollars; which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *M. J. Tiernan*, from the committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which, with the first resolution, was adopted, and the second referred to a committee of the whole:

The committee on Unfinished Business have attended to the duties assigned them, and respectfully report: That upon examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its last grand communication, they find the following unfinished business:

First, on page 28th—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of making inquiry of those Grand Lodges which have established schools for the benefit of the orphan children of deceased Masons, with a view of establishing a similar institution whenever the funds of this Grand Lodge will permit, and that the said

committee be and are hereby instructed to report at the next annual grand communication in relation thereto.

Second, on pages 50th and 51st—

WHEREAS, in the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, chapter 8, section 22, page 48, it is made the imperative duty of the Master of every subordinate Lodge to cause the secretary to write "suspended" every member who shall be in arrears, and forthwith to notify him of the same; and whereas, there are conflicting opinions in regard to the proper mode of reinstating such suspended brethren; *therefore*,

1. *Resolved*, That the payment of such dues, within three months from the time of receiving notice of such suspension, reinstates such suspended brother to his former standing.

2. That when any brother, suspended for the non-payment of dues, shall refuse or neglect to pay such dues for six months, he then shall be expelled.

Third, on page 51st—

That it shall be the duty of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to require all Master Masons living within their jurisdiction, who are not members of a Lodge, to pay into the treasury of said subordinate Lodges the sum of one dollar and fifty cents, yearly; which money shall be set apart as a charity fund, and be used for no other purpose.

Second. That the subordinate Lodges are hereby authorized to suspend or expel any Master Mason within their jurisdiction who shall refuse to pay the same, unless, in their opinion, his pecuniary circumstances would render the collection improper.

Your committee would therefore respectfully submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1846, relating to schools, on page 28, and that relating to Master Masons not members of Lodges, on the 51st page, be referred to a select committee of three, with instructions to report to the Grand Lodge.

2. That the resolutions of Brother Baker, on pages 50th and 51st, relating to the payment of dues, be agreed to.

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. TIERNAN,
S. HARBAUGH,
E. PARMELE,
STEPHEN WILSON.

The same committee made the following further report, which was referred to a committee of the whole:

The committee on Unfinished Business would further recommend that the amendment offered by Brother Brock, on the 57th page, to amend the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, be adopted. It reads as follows:

"I intend, at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to offer an amendment to the 15th of the rules and regulations governing the subordinate Lodges, by striking out all after the word 'Lodge' in the first line, and inserting the following: 'but the one nearest his residence: provided, he may be received in any other Lodge by the consent of the three principal officers of said nearest Lodge: provided, further, that in a town or city he may be received into any Lodge, without regard to residence.'"

All which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. TIERNAN,
S. HARBAUGH,
E. PARMELE,
STEPHEN WILSON.

Brother *Kreider* made the following inquiries, which were committed to a committee of the whole:

Would it be competent, proper, and in accordance with Masonic law and usage, for a Lodge to reinstate a brother suspended for the non-payment of dues, at the same time remitting those dues, provided such action promised harmony and advantage to the craft?

Brother *Burr*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual communication as relates to the suspension of Salem Lodge, No. 97, report: That after a full and careful examination of papers put into their hands, they

are forced to adopt the unwelcome opinion that Salem Lodge No. 97, has knowingly violated the XVth rule of the Grand Lodge for the government of subordinate Lodges, in this, that the said Salem Lodge received the petitions of two persons who resided within the jurisdiction of Somerset Lodge No. 76, and, after having asked of that Lodge permission to act upon their petitions, and had received a refusal to their request, proceeded to confer upon the applicants the several degrees appertaining to their Lodge.

The action of the M. W. Grand Master, in suspending Salem Lodge, meets with the cordial approbation of your committee. No Lodge should be permitted to violate, with impunity, the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge to whom they owe allegiance, and a willful departure from her ordinances should, in all cases, meet with prompt and effectual action by the Grand Officers who are intrusted with their preservation.

Your committee cannot refrain from giving, at the present time, a word of friendly admonition to the brethren of Somerset Lodge No. 76. The jurisdiction of this (Somerset) Lodge appears to reach within a few rods of the door of the Hall of Salem Lodge, and had the reasonable request of Salem Lodge been decided by the golden rule, "do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," no discordant sound would have disturbed the workmen of our mystic temple.

Your committee are convinced that the zeal of the brethren of Salem Lodge to extend the principles of the Order, in their immediate vicinity, caused them to err, and that the error was more of the head than of the heart.

Believing that the broad mantle of a Mason's charity should be extended over erring brethren, when convinced of their faults, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to restore to the late Master, Wardens and brethren of Salem Lodge No. 79, the charter of their Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. Burr,
B. Work,
Jonathan Johnson.
Jonas Ward.

Brother *Burr* made the following further report, which was agreed to, and the resolution adopted:

The committee on Grievances, to whom were referred the papers relating to the appeal of Abraham Steinan from the sentence of expulsion by Scioto Lodge, report: That the request of the appellant for the postponement of his case, until the next communication of the Grand Lodge, ought to be granted. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Abraham Steinan be postponed until the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge.

J. N. Burr,
B. Work,
Jonathan Johnson,
Jonas Ward.

Brother *Hildreth* offered the following resolution, which he requested should be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations, but the same was, on motion, indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that where the requisite number of Master Masons, members of a Lodge possessing the necessary qualifications, shall petition for a dispensation, and the Lodge of which they are members (being the nearest Lodge) shall refuse to vouch for the moral character and Masonic qualifications of the petitioners, the vouching for the same by the next nearest Lodge to the location of the new Lodge, is a compliance with the requisitions of the XIIth article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio: provided that the said Lodge of which the petitioners are members shall not render a sufficient reason why said petitioners ought not to have a dispensation, after being notified thereof by the person to whom application is made for such dispensation.

On motion of Brother *Keifer*, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

W. B. THRALL, *Grand Master.*

THURSDAY, October 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—present the same as yesterday—and resumed its labors, after prayer by the R. W. Brother Kreider.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Accounts were presented in favor of Brothers Scott, Thrall and the Grand Secretary; which were referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Harris* presented a petition from certain brethren for a new Lodge at the town of Republic; which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Brother *Griffith*, from a select committee appointed at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The select committee to whom was referred the following resolution, at the last annual grand communication, to wit: "*Resolved*, That Lodges working under dispensation which may have been granted between the regular meetings of the Grand Lodge, shall only be required to pay grand dues in proportion to the time said Lodge may have been in existence; provided said dispensation shall not have been granted for the revival of a dormant charter"—has examined the subject and finds that the resolution is wholly inconsistent with the letter and spirit of the 9th section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and therefore totally inadmissible. Said By-Law is in the following words, to wit: "Every subordinate Lodge shall pay, annually, to the Grand Lodge, at the stated meetings thereof, the following grand dues, to wit: for each initiation, the sum of *two dollars;* and for each member, the sum of *seventy five cents;* but no Grand Lodge dues shall be required for any member for whom an initiation fee is paid during the same year."

Your committee is, therefore, constrained by a sense of imperative duty, to recommend the indefinite postponement of the resolution, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY GRIFFITH.

Brother *Griffith* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations:

Resolved, That Magnolia Lodge be numbered 20, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to fill up its charter accordingly.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and that the same are hereby cordially tendered to our Brother W. B. Hubbard, for the very able and satisfactory manner in which he discharged, *impromptu*, the duties of Grand Orator, at our public exercises on yesterday.

On motion of Brother *Kreider*, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be conveyed through the chairman of the committee of Arrangements, to the ladies and gentlemen who composed the choir on yesterday, for their excellent vocal music, gratuitously bestowed.

On motion of Brother *Griffith*, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, this day at 2 o'clock P. M.

Brother *Kreider* presented the proposal of Brother Charles Scott, for

publishing the transactions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, from its organization in Chillicothe, A. L. 5808, to the present time; which was referred to a select committee of three—whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Kreider, Latham and Jarvis said committee.

The following named Brethren asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the present session of the Grand Lodge, viz: Brothers Harlem, Jewett and Barnum.

Brother *Burr*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances, to which was referred the appeal of our late Brother Joseph Smith, from the sentence of expulsion by Harmony Lodge No. 8, report: That they have examined the minutes of the Lodge, and the accompanying papers relating thereto, and find that a charge of unmasonic conduct, with specifications, were preferred against the said Smith, and that the proceedings of the Lodge are in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, up to the time of trial.

A motion was at that time made to reduce the testimony to writing, and was either voted down or withdrawn. The trial proceeded without reducing the evidence to writing, as is required by the rules of the Grand Lodge.

The second specification was sustained by a majority vote of the members then present. A motion was then made that Brother Joseph Smith be expelled from the Lodge The motion was lost by a vote of 13 to 15. A motion of reconsideration was then made and decided in the affirmative. The question was again put and lost by one vote. The question was a third time put, and decided in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Master of the Lodge.

Your committee take exceptions to the proceedings of Harmony Lodge in two particulars: 1st. In not reducing the testimony to writing, thereby depriving the accused of a rehearing by the Grand Lodge, as is secured to him by the 24th rule of the Grand Lodge for the government of subordinate Lodges. 2d. After the motion for expulsion had been reconsidered, and a second time decided in the negative, it was unjust and contrary to the rules of order to put the question to vote a third time. Your committee, for the reasons above given, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Brother Joseph Smith be and he is hereby restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry, of which he has been deprived by the action of Harmony Lodge No. 8.

The committee further report that they have examined the communication of John Campbell, who complains of his suspension by Union Lodge No. 71, and as the complainant has not seen proper to avail himself of the provisions of the 24th rule of the Grand Lodge for the government of subordinate Lodges, the Grand Lodge cannot take cognizance of the case. We therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The same committee, to whom were referred the papers accompanying the appeal of Brother Alonzo Knowles, from the decision of Union Lodge No. 102, report, that they have given the papers a careful perusal, and find that the action of Union Lodge in the premises is in accordance with Masonic usage, and would ask to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The same committee, to whom was referred the communication of J. M. Irvine, relating to the proceedings of Jerusalem Lodge No. 19, have given the subject committed to their charge such examination as time and circumstances would permit, but are unable to make at the present time a satisfactory report thereon. The committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed to inquire into the condition of Jerusalem Lodge No. 19, and that the committee be instructed to report his proceedings to the M. W. Grand Master at as early a day as practicable.

J. N. Burr,
Jonas Ward,
B. Work,
Jona. Johnson,
Eli Barnum.

Thereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brother Bierce, of Akron, said committee.

Brother *Strickland*, from the select committee appointed at the last communication, on the subject of Masonic Schools, presented a report, which, on motion of Brother *Hubbard*, was referred to the same committee to whom similar subjects have been referred.

On motion, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the subject of the amendments of the By-Laws—Brother Fielding in the chair.

On motion, the committee rose and reported the following amendment to the 15th Rule for the government of subordinate Lodges; which, after several propositions to amend, was adopted as reported, viz:

"No candidate shall be received in any Lodge but the one nearest his residence; *Provided* he may be received in any other Lodge by a vote of said nearest Lodge; *Provided further*, that in any city or town any Lodge therein may receive an applicant resident in said city or town."

The proceedings and By-Laws of Fellowship Lodge No. 106, were referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following reports, which were agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations report: That they have examined the dispensations, By-Laws and proceedings of the following Lodges, and find them in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge:

Malta Lodge No. —, in Malta, Morgan county.

Toledo Lodge No. —, in Toledo, Lucas county.

Also, the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Ashland Lodge No. —, in Ashland, Ashland county, and find them correct, with the following exceptions in the By-Laws of said Lodge: The committee would recommend to said Lodge to strike out all of Article II, and erase the words "at or" in Article XIV.

They have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Buckeye Lodge No. —, in New Richmond, Clermont county, and find the same in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge, with these exceptions: The committee would recommend to said Lodge to strike out the words "New Richmond," in the first Article of its By-Laws, and insert "Buckeye;" also, to strike out all of Article XXIV.

Your committee have examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Western Sun Lodge No. —, in Wheelersburgh, Scioto county, and find the same to be correct, with the following exceptions: The committee recommend to said Lodge the following amendments and additions to its By-Laws: strike out all after the word "Lodge," in the 4th line from the bottom in the 8th Article, and insert the words "one dollar;" also, to strike out the 14th Article; also, to insert the words "Senior and Junior Deacons," after the word "Treasurer," in the 15th Article, and to strike out all of said Article after the word "officer."

Your committee have also examined the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Mount Olive Lodge No. —, in Plymouth, Washington county, and find them to conform

to the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, with the following exceptions: The committee advise the following alterations in the By-Laws of said Lodge: strike out all of the preamble except the last clause; strike out all of Article II after the words "eve of said festival;" add the words "at all meetings," after the word "preside," in the first line of Article III, and strike out the entire of the 3d section of Article VIII.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That charters issue to Malta Lodge, in Malta, Morgan county, to be No. —; to Toledo Lodge, in Toledo, Lucas county, to be No. —; to Ashland Lodge, in Ashland, Ashland county, to be No. —; to Buckeye Lodge, in New Richmond, Clermont county, to be No. —; to Western Sun Lodge, in Wheelersburgh, Scioto county, to be No. —; and to Mount Olive Lodge, in Plymouth, Washington county, to be No. —.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations have also had under consideration and examined the application of John E. Dalton, and fourteen others, for a dispensation for a Lodge at New Vienna, in Clinton county, to be called New Vienna Lodge, and recommend the issuing of a dispensation.

Your committee have also examined the application of Peter L. Wilson, and ten others, for a dispensation for a Lodge at Russelville, in Brown county, to be called Russelville Lodge, and recommend that the same be granted.

Your committee have also examined the application of Charles G. Gallisio, and seven others, for a dispensation for a Lodge at Wapaukonnetta, in Allen county, to be called Hamer Lodge, and recommend the issuing of a dispensation.

Your committee would also recommend that the dispensation of Covington Lodge, in Miami county, be continued until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The committee have likewise examined the amended By-Laws of Fellowship Lodge No. 106, and find the same to be in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

The committee have also examined the amended By-Laws of Somerset Lodge No. 76, and find them in accordance with the laws, etc., of the Grand Lodge, except section 1 of Article V. The committee recommend to said Lodge to insert the word "regular" before the word "communication;" also, to strike out the words "the first ballot shall include the two subsequent degrees, provided that, at the conferring of either of the subsequent degrees, a ballot be had on motion of a brother, with a second," from said first section.

Your committee have had under consideration and examined the amended By-Laws of Columbia Lodge No. 44, and find them to be in conformity with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, with the following exceptions: The committee would recommend to said Lodge to strike out the word "right," in Articles III, X, and XV; also, the words "unless in cases of expulsion," in Article XVI, and to add the words "if of a nature to be written," after the word "charges," in the second clause of Article XXVI.

Your committee heve also examined the amended By-Laws of Union Lodge No. 102, and find the same to conform to the laws of the Grand Lodge, except the 4th and 5th sections of Article II, which the committee recommend to said Lodge to be stricken out. The committee also recommend the following alterations: Insert the word "vote" before the word "thereon," in the fifth section of Article IV.

Also, the amended By-Laws of Harmony Lodge No. 8, and find them in accordance with the Laws, etc., of the Grand Lodge, except the words, "longer than one year," in Article X, which the committee recommend to said Lodge to strike out.

Also, the amended By-Laws of Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, and find them to conform to the laws of the Grand Lodge, except the third section of Article II, which the committee recommend to said Lodge to strike out; providing that the 12th section of Article X shall in no case be so construed as to receive petitions or go into ballotings for candidates.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended By-Laws of Fellowship Lodge No. 106, Somerset Lodge No. 76, Somerset Lodge No. 44, Union Lodge No. 102, Harmony Lodge No. 8, and Mt. Zion Lodge No. 9, be and the same are hereby approved.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. KEIFER,
W. B. DODDS,
GEO. W. THOMPSON,
KENT JARVIS,
JOHN M. BARRERE.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the representatives of Lodges whose charters have been granted during the sitting of the present Grand Lodge, be and they are hereby allowed the same mileage and *per diem* as representatives of other Lodges.

Brother *Hubbard* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and empowered to procure a suitable Square and Compasses, to correspond in workmanship and appearance with the other Grand Lodge jewels.

The select committee to whom were referred the papers relating to the appeal of Charles Williams from the decision of Columbia Lodge No. 44, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The special committee to whom was referred the appeal of Charles Williams from the action of Columbia Lodge No. 44, respectfully report: That they have examined the documents before them, and find that the proceedings of said Lodge do not show that they have complied with Articles XXIII and XXIV of Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges in the state of Ohio, and are consequently informal. They would, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That said proceedings, together with the depositions taken in behalf of said Williams, be referred back to said Lodge for the purpose of reïnvestigation.

J. L. VATTIER,
DANIEL ISGRIGG,
A. DEATH.

The inquiry of Brother *Grand Treasurer* in reference to the return of Temperance Lodge, was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Davis*, of Medina, from a select committee, proposed the following questions, which were referred to the brother proposing them:

The select committee to whom was referred a communication from several colored gentlemen, ask for instruction the following questions:

1. Is the Grand Lodge prepared to recognize any real or pretended Lodge existing within her jurisdiction, or even others, previous to the recognition of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction the said real or pretended Lodge is chartered?

2. Will this Grand Lodge allow other so called Grand Lodges to establish Lodges within its jurisdiction, and is it ready to recognize Lodges so established?

3. Does this Grand Lodge recognize the right of holding communication or conversation on subjects appertaining to Masonry with clandestine Masons, when their illegitimacy is acknowledged by themselves?

A. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until half-past 1 o'clock this afternoon.

HALF-PAST ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met and resumed its labors—the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in the chair.

Brother *Mizer* presented the appeal of Jacob Overmyer from the decision of Somerset Lodge No. 76, and the accompanying papers, which were referred to the committee on Grievances.

Brother *Ryan* offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns it adjourn to meet at Columbus, Franklin county, on the third Tuesday of October next.

Which Brother *A. Davis* moved to amend by striking out "Columbus," and inserting "Massillon," which resolution, with the pending amendment, were laid on the table.

The following resolution was offered by Brother *Sayre:*

Resolved, That ——— ——— be a committee, on the part of the Grand Lodge, to visit Mercer Lodge, examine her Masonic conduct as a Lodge, and report to the Grand Lodge at its next meeting; and that said committee be and hereby is empowered to suspend the operations of said Lodge until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, if deemed expedient.

Which resolution Brother Luce moved to amend by striking out all after the word "Lodge," and insert, "and that said committee report the result of their investigation to the M. W. Grand Master;" which resolution, together with the pending amendment, were laid on the table.

Brother *Shinnick* presented an account in favor of Brother Ernst; which was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Davis* presented the following resolution, which was referred to the committee heretofore appointed on that subject:

Resolved, That this grand body make it the indispensable duty of the Grand Lecturer to visit every Lodge within her jurisdiction, as far as practicable, and instruct them in the work, in order to make the same uniform throughout; and that he be allowed by the Grand Lodge the sum of ——— dollars per annum for that purpose, and that he be required to make an annual report of his doings.

Brother *Dodds* offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to insert the following note in the published proceedings of the present year, (in reference to an error in the published proceedings of last year,) on the page on which rejections are noted.

It will be seen, by reference to page 83 of last year's proceedings, that John B Clark, George Mendenhall, Martin Frazier, David Briarly, James Marcus, David DeGavneo, and E. O. Thomas, are inserted as rejected, in Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge No. 2, in Cincinnati, when they should have been returned as withdrawn."

Brother *A. Davis* offered the following resolution, which was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge recommend to subordinate Lodges to adopt the following resolution: "That in all cases, ministers of the Gospel be required to pay the same fee for the first three degrees as is required of all other candidates for Masonry.

On motion of Brother *Hildreth*, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed, in publishing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to omit the names of the persons rejected.

On motion of Brother *Griffith*, it was

Resolved, That the Grand officers in attendance who are required to be present, are

entitled to their mileage and *per diem*, as other delegates, and that the committee on Pay Roll be instructed to enter their names accordingly.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, when, on counting the ballots, the following named brethren were declared duly elected:

M. W. Michael Z. Kreider, Lancaster, Grand Master.
R. W. John L. Vattier, Cincinnati, Deputy Grand Master.
" " Jonathan N. Burr, Mt. Vernon, Grand Senior Warden.
" " Kent Jarvis, Massillon, Grand Junior Warden.
" " Timothy Griffith, Columbus, Grand Treasurer.
" " Benjamin F. Smith, Mt. Vernon, Grand Secretary.

On motion of Brother *Brock*, it was

Resolved, That the officers elect be installed this evening at half past seven o'clock.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until half past six o'clock this evening.

Half-past six o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met and resumed its labors—the M. W. Grand Master in the chair.

Brother *Hubbard*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's annual communication as relates to a contingent fund, herewith report, and offer for adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a contingent fund, to the amount of two hundred dollars, be set apart and appropriated, in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, for the office of M. W. Grand Master, and which shall be subject to the sight check of the incumbent of that office, from time to time, and in such sums as the necessities of the Grand Lodge may require.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall report, and state the amount of the contingent fund by him drawn and used, with the times when, and the purposes to which the same were applied.

W. B. Hubbard,
Wm. McCammon,
John A. Hivling,
F. W. Thornhill,
F. W. Green.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the subordinate Lodges report to the next Grand Lodge what progress, if any, has been made by them, severally, in accordance with the XXIst rule of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the Freemason's Monthly Magazine, published at Boston, and edited by our worthy Brother Charles W. Moore, has become well established among Masons as a work of rare merit, and justly entitled to the highest respect on the part of the whole Masonic family, whether in Ohio or elsewhere.

Resolved, That it be recommended to those of the fraternity who are not already subscribers to the work, to become such, to the end that the author may be still further sustained in his creditable labors, and a greater amount of benefits to the Order be obtained thereby.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a letter from Brother Thomas Hood, relating to the appeal of Jacob Overmyer, which was referred to the committee on Grievances.

The following proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges, were offered and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. First, by Brother *Griffith:*

The following is offered as an amendment to the seventh rule and regulation for the government of the Lodges of Ohio, to wit: Strike out "fifteen," where it occurs in the second line, and insert "twenty," in lieu thereof; so as to read—"*No Lodge shall confer the first three degrees in Masonry for a less sum than twenty dollars.*"

By Brother *A. Davis,* to amend rule VII of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges of Ohio:

Strike out all after the word "deposit."

By Brother *Robert Henry,* of Lafayette Lodge No. 81:

Resolved, That from and after this grand communication, the subordinate Lodges of the state of Ohio shall pay into the Grand Lodge the following dues, viz: For each initiation the sum of one dollar, and for each member the sum of fifty cents, provided he have been a member at least six months previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge; and no Grand Lodge dues shall be required for any member for whom an initiation fee is paid during the same year.

Brother *Kreider,* from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolutions adopted:

The committee on Foreign Correspondence report: That from the large amount of matter which has been referred to them, it is impracticable for them to make a satisfactory report thereon to the Grand Lodge within the time of the present communication. They therefore ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Foreign Communications have until the first day of January next to make their report; which report shall be published and distributed in the same manner and to the same persons that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge are distributed.

In view of the rapidly accumulating business of the Grand Lodge, in order to facilitate its transaction, the committee report the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to call to his aid his Deputy, the Grand Wardens, and three judicious brethren of his own selection, being members of the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to assemble at the place selected for the next grand communication at least one week before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and examine all communications addressed to the Grand Lodge, and prepare matter for the action of the Grand Lodge through its appropriate committees.

Respectfully submitted.

M. Z. Kreider,
H. Trevor,
W. B. Hubbard,
Alfred Davis.

Brother *Bancroft,* from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom were referred sundry accounts, report: That in the discharge of the duty required of them, they have examined the following accounts, and find them correct, and recommend that they be allowed, and that orders be drawn upon the Treasurer for the several amounts:

J. Ernst, for printing school circulars, and furnishing paper	$5 75
W. P. Strickland, for postage	1 25
Charles Scott, for printing, etc	65 90
B F. Smith, for sundry expenses	8 73½
Lucretia Kellogg, for repairing collars for Grand Lodge jewels	2 75

Your committee have also examined the account and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct; and your committee would state that in their opinion much credit is due to our Grand Treasurer, for the manner in which the duties of that office have been performed the past year.

Your committee have also examined the claim of Georgetown Lodge No. 72, and find that on the 23d day of October, 1844, said Lodge paid to the Grand Secretary the sum of fifteen dollars, as "Grand Lodge Hall Fund," and that no bond was ever issued to Georgetown Lodge No. 72 for the amount, and that the same remains unpaid. Your committee therefore recommend that an order be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer in favor of Georgetown Lodge No. 72, for the sum of seventeen dollars and seventy cents, being the amount so paid, and interest thereon.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL H. BANCROFT,
SAMUEL MILLIKAN,
ROBERT HENRY,
HIRAM BEESON,
NORMAN ROOT.

Brother *Burr*, from the committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Grievances report: That they have given the papers accompanying the appeal of Jacob Overmyer from the sentence of expulsion decreed against him by Somerset Lodge No. —, a careful consideration, and in the opinion of your committee the proceedings of Somerset Lodge are in accordance with Masonic usage, and that the testimony adduced on trial sustains the preferred charges and specifications.

A petition signed by a number of Master Masons, some of whom are members of Somerset Lodge, was found among the papers. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge approve of the proceedings of Somerset Lodge, in the case of Jacob Overmyer, on his trial for unmasonic conduct.

2. That the petition of sundry Master Masons, praying the Grand Lodge to restore Jacob Overmyer to the privileges of Masonry, be referred to Somerset Lodge for their consideration.

J. N. BURR,
JONA. JOHNSON,
JONAS WARD,
B. WORK,
ELI BARNUM.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on Masonic Schools, submitted the following resolutions, which were laid on the table:

1. *Resolved*, That the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a school for orphan children of deceased Masons, be adopted.

2. That a committee of three be appointed to mature a plan for carrying out the suggestions of the said report, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

In relation to the taxing of Master Masons not connected with Lodges, your committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That all Master Masons living within the jurisdiction of subordinate Lodges, not regular members of the same, be required to pay to the respective Lodges within whose jurisdiction they may live, the sum of at least one dollar annually, to be appropriated by the Lodges for the maintenance and support of widows of deceased Masons, and for the education of their orphan children, or those who may be objects of Masonic charity, and to other objects strictly Masonic.

E. PARMELE,
N. BENJAMIN,
ANDREW YOUNG.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary procure the printing of at least six hundred blank returns, and send the same to the subordinate Lodges, to be used by them in making their annual returns to the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Thrall* presented an account of I. N. Whiting, for blank record book, which was referred to the standing committee on Accounts.

The M. W. Grand Master presented a letter from Casper Thiell, in

which he proposes to publish the Masonic life and character of General Washington; which was referred to Brothers Thornhill, Ryan and Glenny.

On motion, the Grand Officers elect were duly installed by Brother *W. B. Thrall*, M. W. Grand Master, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties.

Brother *Griffith* moved to take up the resolution laid on the table on yesterday, instructing the committee on Pay Roll; which motion was agreed to, and the resolution taken up.

On motion, the resolution was amended by inserting four days, instead of three, when the resolution was adopted as amended.

Brother *Beeson* offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother John G. Willock has not settled the account for balance due for stone sold by him as one of a committee of the Grand Lodge, and a considerable time having intervened since said sale was made, *therefore*

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be a committee to wait upon Brother Willock and settle the same; and that he also require Brother Willock to account for any other moneys that he may have in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge; and that he report his proceedings thereon to the Grand Lodge at its next grand annual communication.

Brother *Davis* offered a resolution, which, after being amended, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it would be inexpedient, and tend to mar the present harmony of the fraternity, to admit any of the persons of color, so called, into the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Brother *Ankeny* asked and obtained leave of absence for Brothers James McLaughlin, Henry Leakin, Jacob Goodlive and McAdams.

Brother *Mc Cune* offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the select committee to whom was referred a certain communication from certain colored persons, be and they are hereby instructed, to report as early to-morrow morning as convenient.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

M. Z. KREIDER, *Grand Master.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment—present the same as on yesterday—and resumed its labors, after prayer by the M. W. Grand Master.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Brother *Senior Grand Warden* offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be, and the same are hereby tendered to the rector and vestry of the Episcopal Church, Zanesville, for the use of their edifice, kindly tendered for our public exercises on Wednesday last; and that the committee on Accounts be instructed to inquire the amount expended in fitting said church edifice for our use, and draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount so expended.

Brother *Hubbard* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Accounts:

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to Brother Ovid Spencer, for his services as assistant to the Grand Secretary during the sitting of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Shinnick* presented an account in favor of Brother Isaac Campbell, for fifteen dollars; which was referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Bancroft*, from the committee on Accounts, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the account of Brother Timothy Griffith, report: That on an examination of the books and papers of the Grand Treasurer, your committee find that the labor necessary to discharge the duties imposed upon him by the Grand Lodge, in the management of the debts and credits of the Grand Lodge for the two years past, have been arduous, and, in the opinion of your committee, the services thus performed are fully worth the amount charged.

We therefore recommend that the same be allowed, and that an order be drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the amount of fifty dollars.

Your committee have also examined the account of I. N. Whiting against Brother William B. Thrall, for a blank record book for this Grand Lodge, and find the same correct, and recommend that an order be granted to Brother Thrall on the Grand Treasurer for the amount—nine dollars and sixty-two and a half cents.

Your committee have also examined the report of M. A. Daugherty, the special committee of the Grand Lodge to attend to the sale of property belonging to the Grand Lodge, at Lancaster, and find the same correct—he having reported that the property was all sold, and the balance, twenty-four dollars and eighty-five cents, paid to the Grand Treasurer; and your committee recommend that his acts in the premises be approved.

S. H. Bancroft,
Robert Henry,
Hiram Beeson,
Norman Root,
Samuel Millikan.

On motion, the following brethren were excused from further attendance on the Grand Lodge, viz: Brothers Carson, Death, Golden, Dana, Gephart, Cross, Robbins, McMullen, McCune and Mount.

On motion of Brother *Hubbard*, it was

Resolved, That the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of the matters committed to them, and that the same be now taken up and indefinitely postponed.

The resolution offered by Brother *Sayre*, and laid on the table on yesterday, was taken up, and the blank filled with the name of Brother William Fielding, when the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Brother *Thrall*, it was

Resolved, That whenever, in recess of the Grand Lodge, complaint shall be made to the Grand Master, by any subordinate Lodge, or by a Master Mason, of irregular or improper proceedings had by any other subordinate Lodge, it thall be the duty of the Grand Master, if in his opinion the nature of the complaint is such as to require it, to visit personally, or by proxy, the Lodge complained of, examine its records and proceedings, and if possible effect a removal of the cause of grievance; and all necessary expenses attending such visitation, shall be defrayed and paid by the Lodge found to be in default.

Brother *Bowen*, from the select committee on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual communication as relates to the Grand Lecturer,

and the office thereof, made the following report, which was laid on the table:

The select committee to whom was referred "so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual communication as relates to the subject of the Grand Lecturer, and the office thereof," have had the same under consideration, and respectfully beg leave to report:

That with profound regret they learn that Brother S. Reed has signified his desire to retire from the office of Grand Lecturer, the duties of which post, in the truthful language of the annual communication, he has indeed discharged with "great skill and singular fidelity;" and your committee cheerfully and heartily concur with the M. W. Grand Master in, to them, the pleasing duty of bearing "public testimony to the self sacrificing devotion, the ardent fervency and untiring zeal" with which this officer has discharged his high trust.

Your committee find, by reference to the 2d Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, that a Grand Lecturer is indispensable to the promotion of the cause, and that by Article 7th of the Constitution, the M. W. Grand Master is required to appoint such officer, with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge. Your committee fully concur in opinion with the early framers of the Constitution and By-Laws, in the propriety and necessity that then existed, and, in the opinion of your committee still exists to a far greater extent, for such an officer. The experience of the past few years has shown, clearly, that without some efficient and cautious effort, *uniformity in work*, an end so desirable, can never be attained. It is obvious, from the rapid increase of subordinate Lodges since the adoption of the present By-Laws, that the vast accumulation of labor in the department of the Grand Lecturer renders it physically impossible for one, unaided, to perform all its duties, and that a material change is imperatively demanded in said By-Laws; and from among the very many proposed alterations which have presented themselves to the minds of your committee, they respectfully submit the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the 17th Section of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be, and the same is hereby repealed, and the following shall be substituted, viz: It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer to appoint, with the advice and consent of the M. W. Grand Master, one or more Deputy Grand Lecturers, who, with the Grand Lecturer, shall, under the advice and with the consent of the M. W. Grand Master, cause the work of the several Lodges to be uniform. And upon any question of difference of opinion arising in the discharge of their several duties, the decision of the Grand Lodge when in session, and of the Grand Master at all other times, shall be final. The Grand Lecturer, or a Deputy under his direction, shall visit each of the subordinate Lodges at least once in each year, and communicate the proper and uniform mode of work. All Deputy Grand Lecturers shall make and transmit to the Grand Lecturer a full report of their acts; and the Grand Lecturer shall report the same, together with a full account of his own acts, to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication, which annual communication it shall be his duty to attend; and for such services he and they shall be paid such sums as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

All which is respectfully submitted.

LEAVITT L. BOWEN,
L. S. LOUNSBURY,
THOS. BELL.

The same committee made the following further report, which was accepted, and the resolution unanimously adopted:

The select committee to whom was referred the communication from Brother Samuel Reed, Grand Lecturer, addressed to the Grand Lodge, and hereto attached, have had the same under consideration, and report: That by the language of said communication the Grand Lodge is distinctly informed that it cannot, under any circumstances, further avail itself of his valuable services as Grand Lecturer; and your committee, in common as they believe with every member of the Grand Lodge, deeply regret the existence of any circumstances which deprive it of the services of so prompt, efficient and competent a teacher. And your committee regard the affectionate and kind expressions of that communication as indicative of the influence which a faithful inculca-

tion and practice of the principles and virtues of the craft are calculated to produce, in softening the asperities of our nature and elevating our moral and social condition.

Your committee offer, therefore, for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are hereby affectionately tendered to Brother *Samuel Reed,* for the zealous, prompt and efficient manner in which he has discharged, for a series of years, the arduous and responsible duties of Grand Lecturer.

LEAVITT L. BOWEN,
L. S. LOUNSBURY,
THOS. BELL.

The following is the communication from Brother Samuel Reed, which is referred to in the above report:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

DEAR BRETHREN—The time is rapidly approaching when the labors which at your last annual grand communication, I pledged myself to perform, to the best of my skill and ability, will have closed; and I look forward with pleasing anticipation to the day and hour when I can retire to the family circle and enjoy that peace and tranquillity which my health so much requires.

And here, my dear brethren, permit me to say, that I cannot retire without expressing my heartfelt gratitude for the honor conferred, and the confidence reposed, in selecting me as a teacher of the great family of Masons in Ohio; a duty that I entered upon with fearful forebodings. Having spent four years in the great and glorious work, I can now say, in truth and soberness, that a more pleasing duty was never conferred upon me. And yet, dear brethren, there are some things that I have to regret; and first, I regret that I have not been able to visit every Lodge in the state. I have, however, visited every place whence I received the slightest intimation that my services were wanted, with a very few exceptions, and among these Wooster stands conspicuous. I received their invitation while at Steubenville last winter. I had then been absent from home four months, and was nearly worn out, and the weather was so inclement that the mail stages had ceased to run, and I had either to walk or ride on a mail bag on horseback a distance of 90 miles. My intention was, on my return home, to visit Perrysburg, Maumee City and Toledo, and then to go by way of the lake to Wooster; but while at Toledo, I was taken violently sick and was compelled to return home.

Secondly, I regret that I have not been able to produce a greater uniformity of work throughout our state—an object so much to be desired.

Thirdly, I regret, above all, having to levy so heavy a tax upon the members, in requiring them to unlearn much that they had acquired by great labor and diligence. But what was I to do? I saw that the system taught by my predecessor and that taught by myself differed very materially; the question must be settled, and I reflected that I had received my Masonic instruction from a high source, and that I had in my possession documentary testimony as to its antiquity, truth and consistency with common sense—such as I was willing to live and die by. My road, therefore, became perfectly plain; and I saw no way but to levy the tax above referred to.

I have traversed much of the state, and visited most of the Lodges, having traveled, during the two past years, six thousand seven hundred and forty miles, and assisted in conferring about eight hundred and fifty degrees; and the system, so far, has received the unqualified approbation of the M. W. Grand Master, and many others of the most distinguished Masons now living in America, together with every Lodge that I have visited, without an exception, as documents in my possession abundantly testify.

And now, dear brethren, having taxed your patience in the rehearsal of what I have had to *regret,* I must crave your indulgence while I repeat a few things that I have had to *admire,* and that have caused my heart to leap for joy. I have seen the tears of the widow and the orphan dried, and themselves fed and clothed. I have seen the *prejudices* of the female portion of our friends vanish like dew before "the brilliant rays of the rising sun." I have seen the drunkard, the gambler, and the profane swearer excluded from a participation in our glorious privileges. I have seen the venerable patriarch, whose locks were whitened by the frosts of some seventy or eighty winters, re-enlist under our broad banner with the ardor of youth. I have seen an aged father, surrounded by seven sons, all Masons. I have seen a father present, and his heart melted into tenderness, when his son, who was about to repair to the seat of war, received those instructions which would enable him, in case of distress, to summon a brother from the enemy's camp. I have seen a father *preside* and confer the Master's degree upon his own son, and charge him never to disgrace a jewel intrusted to his care! And I have seen hundreds of our best citizens conducted to the Christian altar through the medium of Masonic teaching.

These things have so affected my nerves, that I declare to you, if I know myself, they caused

me to love the whole human race; and I would willingly have washed the feet of the humblest member of our venerable Order.

Our institution is now in the hands of the best class of citizens of our state. It is found in the pulpit, on the bench, at the bar, with the medical faculty, and in all the ramifications of active business life, both public and private; and all engaged in endeavoring to correct the vices and purify the morals of those around them. Go on, then, dear brethren, and may your course be onward and upward, until we shall all meet "in that Grand Lodge that's far awa'."

In conclusion, my ardent prayers are, that in selecting my successor, you may be guided by wisdom, and that the lot may fall upon one who can bring to his aid more talents, better skill, and more extensive usefulness. With these sentiments, and my best wishes for your future prosperity, permit me to take an affectionate leave. And here let me be clearly and distinctly understood, that I am *not* a candidate for reappointment, neither can I accept the office if appointed.

May the God of our Fathers ever have you and me in His holy keeping, and cause His face to shine upon you and preserve you from falling.

I am, dear brethren, very respectfully and fraternally,

Your obedient, humble servant,

SAMUEL REED, *Grand Lecturer.*

Brothers Mizer, Atherton, and the delegates from Clermont county, obtained leave of absence.

Brother *Bowen* from a select committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

The select committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Brother Davis, relative to imposing certain additional duties upon the Grand Lecturer, have had the same under consideration, and report: That having had other papers referred to them, containing the same subject matter upon which this committee have reported, they respectfully ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

LEAVITT L. BOWEN,
L. S. LOUNSBURY,
THOS. BELL.

Brother *Luce* offered the following resolution, which was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That when any Lodge working under dispensation shall fail to obtain a charter, the jewels of such Lodge shall be taken by the Grand Lodge and sold for its benefit, and the proceeds thereof paid over to the brethren of such dissolved Lodge, together with the fee paid by them for dispensation; provided that said Lodge has acted in strict conformity with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Thornhill*, from a select committee, made the following report, which was agreed to, and the resolution unanimously adopted:

The select committee to whom was referred the communication of Brother Casper Thiell, in relation to the project of publishing a volume on the Masonic labors of the illustrious Washington, have had the same under consideration, and report: In a conference with Brother Thiell, the committee have had an opportunity of examining the details of the proposed publication of the social virtues and Masonic labors of Washington—which are found to consist of a variety of facts and incidents of a most interesting and entertaining nature, and establishing, beyond all doubt, the ardent attachment of that great and good man to the principles and usages of our ancient Order. The committee do not hesitate to advance the opinion that the proposed volume will merit the patronage of every American citizen—as it will bring to view the most sublime traits of character of him who is now, and, it is hoped, ever will be, "first in the hearts of his countrymen." And it is not so much with a view of claiming honor and distinction to our fraternity, as with a view of aiding in placing before the present and future generations the evidences given by the "father of his country," in his private and social walk, of that rich and glowing benevolence of heart which prompted his self-devotion to the cause of liberty and the happiness of the human family, that the committee recommend the adoption of the resolution following:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio highly approve of Brother Casper Thiell's plan of publishing a volume on the Masonic labors of the illustrious Washington, and do cheerfully recommend his enterprise to the favorable consideration and patronage of the brethren to whose notice the same may be brought.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. W. Thornhill,
Rich. B. Ryan,
Samuel Glenny.

On motion of Brother *Thornhill*, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to Brother William B. Thrall, for the *able, impartial* and *dignified* manner in which he has discharged the duties of Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The resolution offered by Brother Ryan, and laid on the table on yesterday, fixing the time for holding the next annual grand communication, was taken up and referred to a select committee of three, consisting of Brothers Laughlin, Brock and Maxfield.

Brother *Gotshall*, from a select committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's annual communication as relates to the subject of Masonic Festivals, have had that subject under consideration, and report: That they most cordially agree with the views expressed by our M. W. Grand Master, as to the too frequent recurrence of those public festivals—the tendency of which is, in a great measure, to defeat those advantages to the Craft sought to be derived therefrom. With this view of the subject, and without trespassing upon the patience of the Grand Lodge by presenting a recapitulation of the various reasons which have forced this truth upon the minds of the committee, they offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, no subordinate under its jurisdiction should hold a public festival, unless clearly satisfied that such festival is demanded by and will be promotive of the interests of the Craft.

Respectfully submitted.

Daniel Gotshall,
R. Creighton,
R. H. Culbertson.

Brother *Thompson*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following reports, which were adopted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the application of John S. Smith and 26 others, for a dispensation for a Lodge in Republic, Seneca county, have examined the same and report: That no dispensation can be granted for a Lodge unless the application is recommended by the Lodge nearest the location of the new Lodge. See article 12th of the Laws of the Grand Lodge.

The committee therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of this subject.

The same committee, to whom were referred the dispensation, By-Laws and proceedings of Farmers' Lodge No. —, in Fredonia, Licking county, have examined the same, and find them in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, with the following exceptions: The committee would recommend to said Lodge to strike out the word "January," in the 2d article of its By-Lays, and insert the word "November;" and at the end of article 8th add the words "this article shall in no wise be so construed as to extend to more than two ballotings."

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the dispensation to Farmers' Lodge, No. —, be continued until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The same committee have also examined the amended By-Laws of Salem Lodge No. 87, and, with the following exceptions, find them in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge: The committee would recommend to said Lodge to strike out all of Article II; also, in the VIIth Article, strike out all after the word "provided," and insert the words "he be a Past Master;" also, in the VIIIth Article, strike out the words "when directed to the Worshipful Master," and all after the word "therefor," in the 6th line from the bottom; also, in the XVIIth Article, strike out the words "provided it be a regular meeting, or an adjourned regular stated meeting that it is received;" also, strike out the XXth Article; also, strike out all after the word "him," in the XXIId Article, and that Article XXVIII be stricken out.

The committee have also examined the amended By-Laws of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, and recommend to said Lodge the following alterations and additions, to wit: Article I, section 2, strike out the words "but no brother who is in arrears to the Lodge for more than one year's dues shall be eligible to office or entitled to vote;" Article II, section 2, strike out the words "or Master Mason may preside;" Article V, section 2, strike out all after the words "he shall," to the word "inform," so that said section will read as amended, "he shall inform the secretary of Amity Lodge, in writing, of the name of any candidate who has been rejected;" Article VIII, section 1, strike out the words "three months," and insert the words "one year;" Article VIII, section 2, strike out all after the word "emergency;" Article VIII, section 3, strike out the words "receiving his degree," and insert "being balloted for;" Article VIII, section 4, strike out the word "two," and insert "one;" also, in same section, strike out the word "third," and insert second;" Article X, section 4, strike out the words "or sooner if required;" and to strike out all of the 1st section of the XIVth Article.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended By-Laws of Salem Lodge No. 87, and the amended By-Laws of Lafayette Lodge No. 79, be and the same are hereby accepted.

The same committee, to whom were referred the following preamble and resolutions, to wit:

WHEREAS, Eber W. Hubbard, Ozias Long, Ansel Keith, Elijah Parker, Ira Tillatoon, John S. Hotchkiss, and Edward M. Ekron, all Master Masons, recommended in due form by the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Union Lodge No. 127, in Washington, being the nearest adjacent Lodge, have petitioned the Grand Lodge in due form for a resuscitation of the charter of King Solomon's Lodge No. 90, in Elyria; which petition and charter are in the hands of Brother H. P. Sage, the delegate from said Union Lodge, and subject to the order of the Grand Secretary; *therefore*

1. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master, on the reception of said petition through the Grand Secretary, shall grant permission to the aforesaid brethren to resume labor; and that Eber W. Hubbard be appointed W. Master, Ozias Long Senior Warden, and Ansel Keith Junior Warden, until others be elected in due form by their associates.

2. That liberty be given to the Hon. Eber W. Hubbard, Ozias Long, Ansel Keith and others, their associates, in Elyria, Lorain county, Ohio, to resume labor under their former charter,

Have had the same under consideration, and now report: That in the opinion of your committee, the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. KEIFER,
W. B. DODDS,
GEO. W. THOMPSON,
KENT JARVIS,
JOHN M. BARRERE.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations have examined the amended By-Laws of Franklin Lodge No. 14, and find them in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of the XVIth Article, which your committee recommend to said Lodge to be stricken out.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended By-Laws of Franklin Lodge No. 14, be and the same are hereby approved by the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Dodds,
Geo. W. Thompson,
Kent Jarvis,
John M. Barrere.

Brother *J. N. Burr* submitted the following propositions, which were ordered to be entered upon the minutes:

That the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended by inserting at the end of the 3d section the words, "and a committee on Masonic Jurisprudence."

Also, to add at the end of section 4 the following:

"11th. It shall be the duty of the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to investigate and report upon all questions that may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge."

That the 5th rule of the Grand Lodge for the government of subordinate Lodges, be amended by adding at the end thereof these words: "provided, that accused brethren shall be tried in the highest degree of the Lodge to which they have attained."

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the pending report and the first resolution of the committee on Schools, together with the proposition from Worthington of a grant of property upon certain conditions, be referred to a select committee of three, to report to the next Grand Lodge a suitable plan and system for the education of the orphan children of deceased Masons, and inclusive of all children of indigent Masons.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Strickland, Hubbard and Thrall said committee.

On motion, the resolution offered by Brother *Bowen*, and laid on the table, was taken up, when, on motion, the same was amended so as to read:

"*Resolved*, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the city of Columbus, on the —— day of October, 1848."

When, on motion, the same was referred to Brothers Laughlin, Brock and Maxfield.

Brothers Luce, Dodge, Wiseman, Harbaugh, Wintrode, Smaley, McClelland, Root, Huston, Trago, Mills, Brock, Gallaher, Towlen, Stone, Millikan and Wilson, were excused from further attendance at the present session.

Brother *Shinnick* presented an account in favor of Park & Bennet, for printing; which was referred to the committee on Accounts.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Friday, October 22, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met and resumed its labors.

Brother *Ryan* offered a preamble and resolution, which were referred to the committee on Accounts.

Brother *Sayre* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the M. W. Grand Master, to report thereon at the next annual grand communication:

Resolved, That it is improper for any but present or past Masters to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

Brother *Davis*, from a special committee, made the following request, which was agreed to:

The special committee to whom was referred a communication from several colored persons of Cincinnati; also, the question asked by Brother Hopkins in behalf of Columbia Lodge, respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of those subjects.

Brother *A. Young* moved that the papers relating to colored persons, now in the hands of the select committee, be referred to a committee of one, to report thereon at the next regular communication of the Grand Lodge; which motion was indefinitely postponed.

Brother *Laughlin*, from a select committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the resolution fixing the time for holding the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, respectfully recommend that the same be held in the city of Columbus on the last Monday in September next.

M. M. Laughlin,
M. D. Brock,
Thos. Maxfield.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Magnolia Lodge, in Columbus, be numbered *twenty*, and that Western Sun Lodge, in Wheelersburgh, Scioto county, be numbered *ninety-one*.

Brother *Thompson*, from the committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations have had under consideration the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the dues of the members of Farmers' Lodge, working under dispensation, located in Fredonia, be remitted for the past year, and that the dues for initiation be required to be paid to the Grand Treasurer within ninety days from the rising of the Grand Lodge;

And beg leave to offer the following substitute:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to remit the dues of the members of Farmers Lodge, and that they have ninety days, from and after the rising of the Grand Lodge, to pay the same.

All which is respectfully submitted.

George Keifer,
G. W. Thompson,
W. B. Dodds,
J. M. Barrere,
Kent Jarvis.

The committee on Accounts, through their Chairman, made the following reports, which were severally agreed to:

The committee on Accounts have examined the following preamble and resolution, and recommend that the resolution be adopted:

"Whereas, Belmont Lodge has paid ten dollars as Grand Lodge dues, at its present grand communication, under a former resolution of the Grand Lodge, requiring subordinate Lodges to collect from all Master Masons in good standing, and under the age of sixty years, within their respective jurisdictions, the sum of one dollar, and return it as Grand Lodge dues; and, inasmuch as no other Lodge has collected or paid in, under said resolution; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That the delegates of said Lodge receive an order on the Grand Treasurer for the sum of ten dollars so paid in, for the benefit of said Belmont Lodge."

The same committee have examined the following accounts, which were referred to

them, and find them correct, and recommend that they be allowed, and that orders be drawn upon the Treasurer for the same:

To Brother O. Spencer, for services as assistant Secretary, fifteen dollars.

To Brother Isaac Campbell, for services as Tyler, furnishing lights, etc., fifteen dollars.

To Park & Bennet, for printing blank proxies, two dollars.

Your committee have also examined the annual return of Temperance Lodge No. 73, which was referred to them, and, in the opinion of your committee, there is error in said return, in this particular: that members are charged, and their dues reported, in proportion to the part of the year they are members: while, in the opinion of your committee, the dues of members should be reported who are found to be members at the last meeting of the subordinate Lodge which occurs before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and that each member shall be charged, and pay to the Grand Lodge, the full amount of annual dues, excepting those who are initiated during the Masonic year; and that no dues should be paid for them, except the fee of two dollars required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee, therefore, submit the following, as a corrected report of the dues of Temperance Lodge No. 73, for the past year:

	Dr.	
To 37 members, 75 cts. each	$27 75	
To 9 initiations, less one, (a preacher,) $2 each	16 00	
		$43 75
	Cr.	
By cash remitted to Grand Treasurer		$

Sam. H. Bancroft,
Norman Root,
Sam. Millikan,
Robert Henry,
Hiram Beeson.

Brother *Hubbard*, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Ways and Means herewith submit their report:

The balance in the treasury, as exhibited to your committee, up to the commencement of this session of the M. W. Grand Lodge	$538 07	
To which add—		
For Grand dues since then received	3,800 00	
For Dispensations	750 00	
From other sources	25 00	
Making a total of		$5,113 07
Appropriations and disbursements for the present session:—		
For funded debt, in full, principal and interest	$820 00	
For Pay Roll of members and officers, estimated for 4 days	2,400 00	
Salary of Grand Secretary	150 00	
For contingent fund	200 00	
For Georgetown Lodge, principal and interest	18 00	
For Grand Tyler	15 00	
For T. Griffith, committee on debts and credits	50 00	
For Minerva Lodge	38 25	
		$3,691 25
Showing a balance of		$1,421 82

It is necessary to state that the foregoing statement is founded almost wholly upon estimates. The accounts not yet being balanced upon the Treasurer's books, and the important ones being kept open for entries, constantly making, of receipts as well as expenditures; the latter under the action of the Grand Lodge, and by which the exact footing cannot well be ascertained until the entire close of the session. Your committee regret this state of things, and have delayed their report to this late period in order

to have it in their power to present what, in reports of this kind, should appear mathematical certainties.

Your committee, however, have much satisfaction in being able to state that the above balance, as stated, will be found to be nearly correct; and thus showing the gratifying result of the operation of the Grand Lodge under its present financial system, embraced in its By-Laws and Rules, and the continued care that has been exercised by the members in not making unwise appropriations of their funds.

The same enlightened administration of its affairs will keep and preserve its finances as it was in olden time, in a safe and sound condition. At the present, the Grand Lodge is *entirely free from debt of all kinds,* whether funded or otherwise, and is once more blessed with a small surplus in its treasury. That care should be used in husbanding its assets, and thus to enable it to preserve and perpetuate its financial integrity to the world, is incumbent upon all, collectively and individually. The more so as, by reference to past years, it is known that a single measure of an improvident nature resulted in bankrupting the treasury, that was, when that measure was first introduced, largely greater than the present surplus. Indeed, with the increasing expenditures necessarily incident to a largely increased body, and the reflection that soon, and probably from this time hereafter, the receipts for dispensations will be greatly lessened, it is apparent that the duty, as prudent men and Masons, is already admonishing us that care will continue to be required to keep and preserve our present surplus, or, perhaps, to be able to have our expenditures not exceed our income from all sources. Your committee would state, in reference to the lots in Lancaster, that they remain unsold; and as the one who, heretofore had charge of them, has performed the duties assigned him, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the supervision and care of the Grand Lodge lots in Lancaster be confided to the Grand Treasurer, Brother Timo. Griffith, with authority to sell the same if in his power, and at a sum to the approval of the late chairman of the committee on the Debts and Credits of the Grand Lodge, Brother Hubbard, and the late Grand Master, Brother W. B. Thrall.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. Hubbard,
Wm. McCammon,
F. W. Thornhill,
F. W. Green.

Brother *Hubbard* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Accounts:

Resolved, That there be paid to the Grand Secretary, for his services in recording the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from the year 1842, to the commencement of his official services, at the rate of ten cents for each hundred words embraced in such records.

Brother W. B. Hubbard was appointed by the M. W. Grand Master to supply the place of Brother Latham, on the committee appointed to report upon the publishing of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Brother *Gotshall,* from the committee on Pay Roll, made a report, which was agreed to; [showing the amount to be $2,110 32.]

The M. W. Grand Master made the following nominations, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge, to wit:

R. W. George Holmes, Steubenville, Grand Chaplain.
" " William Coolman, Ravenna, Grand Orator.
" " William Fielding, Sidney, Grand Lecturer.
" " J. Y. Hopkins, Cumberland, Grand Marshal.
" " Thos. Bell, Zanesville, Grand Senior Deacon.
" " L. L. Bowen, Massillon, Grand Junior Deacon.
" " G. Steinman, Lancaster, Grand Tyler.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the brethren at the city of Columbus, in reference to permanently locating the meetings of the Grand Lodge at that place, and report the result thereof to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers Thornhill, Jarvis and Dodds said committee.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments, to wit:

Brother C. F. Dempsey, Cincinnati, Grand Sword Bearer.
Brothers H. H. Dodge, Cleveland, H. Beeson, Circleville, Grand Pursuviants.
" H. Kuhn, Tiffin, Geo. W. Thompson, Grand Stewards.

Brother *Strickland* offered the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on Accounts:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge be paid the sum of fifty dollars for the services by him rendered.

The committee on Charity made the following report:

The committee on Charity report that no subject has been brought before them claiming the attention of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted. Samuel Glenny,
J. Harris.

Brother *Hubbard* from a select committee, made the following report, which, with the resolutions, were adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the following proposals:

"*Proposals for publishing the Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, from its organization in Chillicothe, A. L.* 5808, *to the present time.*

"It is now near forty years since the organization of the Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Ohio. The proceedings of that body have been, from time to time, published to a limited extent, in small pamphlets, and in barely sufficient numbers to supply the several Lodges, at the time in existence, each three copies. Beyond this, the fraternity of Ohio have no means of knowing what have been the acts of their predecessors—or the reasons which governed their actions. Few of the active Masons now in the Lodges have access to more than a very small number of those fugitive pamphlets, and even these of a comparatively recent date.

"It has been deemed a matter of sufficient interest to warrant the undertaking of gathering up a file of the annual publications by the Grand Lodge of its transactions, and republishing the same in a more permanent and substantial form. With this view, the undersigned has endeavored, within the last three years, to procure a complete file of the Grand Lodge proceedings, and by the aid of a zealous and indefatigable friend, possessing more than ordinary facilities, has succeeded in procuring all, with the exception of those for the years 1811, August session of 1817, and 1819, and the effort is still continued to make the file complete.

"It is now proposed to publish these transactions in an octavo volume, bringing the same down so as to include the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the present year, including, also, a complete list of the working Lodges now in the state, with a list of their officers and members. To warrant this undertaking, a guaranty of some 800 to 1000 subscribers will be indispensable. The work will make a book of from 600 to 800 pages of large octavo; to be printed on fair type and good paper, and put up in law binding. It will be delivered to subscribers at $2 per copy, payable on delivery.

"*Columbus, O., October*, 1847." "Charles Scott.

—have had the same under consideration, and herewith report, for adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Treasurer, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, subscribe for fifty copies of the above work, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That it be recommended to each subordinate Lodge to subscribe for, at the least, one copy of said work for the use of such Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted. W. B. Hubbard,
M. Z. Kreider.

The committee on Accounts made the following report, which was agreed to:

The committee on Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution of Brother Strickland, granting the sum of fifty dollars to Brother Timothy Griffith, Grand Treasurer, for his services during the past year; and also a resolution of Brother Hubbard, authorizing the payment to B. F. Smith, Grand Secretary, ten cents for each hundred words for recording the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from the year 1842 to the commencement of his official services, report, that they have examined the same, and recommend that said resolutions be adopted.

SAMUEL H. BANCROFT,
ROBERT HENRY,
HIRAM BEESON,
SAMUEL MILLIKAN,
NORMAN ROOT.

On motion, it was ordered that the Grand Secretary procure the printing of seven hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of the present grand communication, and that he distribute the same in the usual manner.

On motion of Brother *Beeson*, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That at the next annual grand communication, the representatives of subordinate Lodges be requested to appear with their appropriate official jewels.

No further business appearing, after solemn prayer by the R. W. Brother William P. Strickland, Past Grand Chaplain, the M. W. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

MICHAEL Z. KREIDER, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

BENJ. F. SMITH, *Grand Secretary.*

The report of Brother *T. Griffith*, Grand Treasurer, was presented to the Grand Lodge and referred to the committee on Accounts, but not having been placed on the Secretary's table, was omitted on the records at the proper time; the report is as follows:

GRAND LODGE TREASURY OFFICE,
Columbus, Ohio, October 18, 1847.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The undersigned has the honor to submit, for inspection, an exhibit of the condition of the Grand Treasury, showing, in detail, the receipts and disbursements of its funds during the year ending this day:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, October 19, 1846		$632 62
Received of Grand Secretary, to wit:		
Grand dues for 1846	$3,051 48	
Fees for dispensations	450 00	
Grand Lodge certificates sold	8 75	
		3,510 23
Received of M. A. Daugherty, for stone sold at Lancaster		73 19
Received of Northern Light Lodge No. 40, charter revived	$50 00	
Interest on same	3 38	
Grand dues, same, for 1846, in part	1 57	
		54 95

Received for dispensation, Toledo Lodge No. —		50 00
Received for twelve copies of Constitution and By-Laws sold		3 00
Total		$4,323 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid on Pay Roll of 1846		$1,652 74
By cash refunded, as follows:		
To West Union Lodge No. 43	$50 00	
" Hiram Lodge No. 18	50 00	
" Xenia Lodge No. 49	50 00	
		150 00
To R. W. Bela Latham, Grand Secretary, salary	112 50	
do do expenses	2 50	
		115 00
To C. Scott, 500 copies Constitution and By-Laws		100 00
" Grand Lodge bonds redeemed	$75 00	
Interest on same	3 68	
		78 68
To certificates of funded debt redeemed under the act authorizing 70 cents on the dollar to be paid		1,182 76
To interest paid on funded debt		149 27
" Montgomery Lodge No. 94, appropriation		35 00
" John Barney, appropriation		17 58
" John Sayre, appropriation		15 00
" Daniel Sifford, appropriation and interest		160 60
" Charles Scott, appropriation and interest		119 79
" To Wm. A. Platt & Co., seal press		5 00
" E. N. Slocum, Bible case		4 50
Balance remaining in the Treasury		538 07
Total		$4 323 99

Respectfully submitted.

TIMOTHY GRIFFITH, *Grand Treasurer.*

The report of Brother *Strickland*, from the committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, on the subject of orphan schools, was made to the Grand Lodge, and referred to a special committee, but not having been returned to the Secretary, was also omitted on the records. The report is as follows:

The committee to whom, at the last annual grand communication of the Grand Lodge, was referred the subject of inquiring into the expediency of establishing a school for the gratuitous education of orphan children of deceased Masons, ask leave to present the following report:

Your committee, after having taken the matter with which they were charged under careful consideration, prepared and forwarded the following circular to all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge:

"DEAR BRETHREN:—We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its last annual grand communication, a committee, with instructions to inquire into the propriety and expediency of establishing a school under the patronage of the Grand Lodge, and subject to its supervision, for educating the orphan children of deceased Masons, take the liberty of addressing you on the subject, and respectfully submit the following inquiries, to which we invite your attention, and which, at your earliest convenience, you will please answer:

"1st. What is your opinion of the Grand Lodge founding such an institution? 2d. What kind of an institution would you recommend? 3d. How should it be endowed? 4th. Where should it be located? 5th. Are there any who will make donations for this Masonic enterprise? As the object is one which commends itself to the mind and heart of every intelligent and virtuous Mason, we do not conceive it at all important to enter into any argument in its behalf, believing that it will find a cheerful response in the breast of every brother. Yours, fraternally,

W. P. STRICKLAND,
C. ANTHONY,
C. MOORE."

To this circular responses were received, embracing answers to the different queries proposed, from a large number of Lodges, and also a circular from the Zanesville Chapter. Most of these responses were of a favorable character, and united, heartily, in recommending the Grand Lodge to found such an institution as the resolution contemplates, upon some safe and practicable plan, so soon as it shall realize a sufficient amount of funds, by Grand dues or otherwise, to justify the undertaking. Your committee also received a communication from the President of the "Masonic College," located at Lagrange, Kentucky, containing a succinct history of the rise, progress, and prospects of said institution, and strongly sympathizing with the Grand Lodge of Ohio in her incipient efforts to found one of a similar character. The College is represented, by the President and Board of Trustees appointed by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, agreeably to its charter, to be in a highly prosperous condition, having two hundred and three students from twenty counties in Kentucky and nine different States in the Union, besides four from France, and one from Spain. The faculty are required, by the charter, to be Masons in good and regular standing, and the beneficiaries are sons of Masonic parentage in indigent circumstances. The College is endowed by the Grand and subordinate Lodges of Kentucky, and the beneficiaries are supported by scholarships taken by the different Lodges. The institution is on the *manual labor* principle; and we would here remark that a majority of the Lodges favorable to the founding of a Masonic school in this State, recommend the manual labor system. The circular from Temperance Lodge contains many valuable suggestions on this subject.

The circular of the Columbus Lodge, evidently the result of much thought and careful investigation of the subject, comes to the conclusion that it would be impracticable to establish a school answering the end designed. This impracticability is shown by the cost and expenses which would necessarily accrue in successfully carrying forward the enterprise. The inexpediency of attempting the establishment of such an institution as the circular of the Columbus Lodge contemplates, is obviously demonstrated by the estimates which are given, and your committee would arrive at the same conclusion, was it in contemplation to erect a *College edifice and endow professorships*. This they consider, however, as entirely out of the question, at least at the present time. The circular recommends a plan in which, should the Grand Lodge fail in establishing a manual labor school, your committee heartily concur. The plan recommended is, "to make it the duty, as no doubt it would be the pleasure of every subordinate Lodge in the State, to have a list of all the Masons and Masons' children living within its jurisdiction, and by its own committees and officers to cause every child of every Mason, especially the orphans and those of the poor and indigent, to receive the benefit of a common school education."

The circular of the Zanesville Chapter recommends the establishment, by the Grand Lodge, of a manual labor school; and, having given that subject an investigation worthy the cause, shows, most conclusively, by a reference to the expenses incurred in sustaining them, that the establishment of such an institution is entirely feasible.

It is but justice to those Lodges reporting unfavorably, to say, that their opposition to the proposed undertaking does not arise from any want of attachment to the cause of education, and certainly not from a want of desire on their part to see the sons of poor Masons educated, and thus be qualified to fill, with honor and usefulness, the places assigned them by Providence; but from an unwillingness to engage in an enterprise which, failing for want of means, would provoke the taunt of the passer-by—"*These* men began to build, but were not able to finish." Your committee are aware that this is a reason which should not be lightly weighed, and our *experience* as a Grand Lodge, in matters of this kind, should induce great forecast and circumspection. It would be infinitely better for us not to "put our hands to the plow," than, having done so, to "look back." Nevertheless, we would indulge the hope that the time has arrived for the commencement of so great and glorious a work, and, from the indications of prosperity attending the efforts of sister Grand Lodges in this noble undertaking, we regard the present as a favorable crisis. One has justly said, "The world has too long had reason to look upon the charity of Freemasonry as a cold and lifeless, though

beautiful statue, chiseled by the imaginations of popular orators, and exhibited, on anniversary occasions, to the public gaze." It is high time that it should be shown to be an angel of light, on an errand of mercy to suffering humanity. On what field, we ask, could she shine with greater resplendency, than that of imparting an education in all that is wise and virtuous to the orphan and indigent of Masonic parentage?

God grant that the dawn and high noon of the day may come when Masonry shall fill the measure awarded to her by her most enthusiastic admirers—when her altars shall yield nought but pure incense, and her arches reëcho joyful sounds.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. STRICKLAND, *Chairman.*

ZANESVILLE, O., October 20, 1847.

TABULAR STATEMENT, showing the Number Initiated, Passed, Raised, Admitted, Withdrawn, Rejected, Suspended, Expelled, Reinstated, Deaths, Members of Lodges, and, so far as reported, Masons who are not Members of Lodges.

No.	Names of Lodges.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Admitted.	Withdrawn.	Rejected.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Members of Lodges.	Nonaffiliated.
1	American Union	2	2	1	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	20	....
2	N. C. Harmony	10	9	10	1	8	4	....	....	....	1	78	....
4	New England	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	....
5	Amity	7	7	6	1	....	1	1	....	....	....	28	....
6	Scioto	18	17	16	4	6	6	4	....	4	3	26	....
8	Harmony	17	12	11	1	54	2	9	1	....	2	54	....
9	Mt. Zion	2	1	4	8	3	....	....	....	....	....	45	50
13	St. Johns	23	17	15	3	27	2	....	1	....	....	68	....
14	Franklin	24	24	24	....	7	2	12	....	....	1	50	....
15	Cleveland City	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	3	58	....
16	Belmont	10	11	9	1	2	1	1	....	....	....	34	10
18	Hiram	5	....	....	3	4	1	....	....	....	....	20	....
20	Magnolia	13	10	10	13	2	....	....	....	....	....	14	....
22	Rising Sun	8	3	2	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	30	....
23	Pickaway	1	1	....	2	3	....	....	....	....	....	40	....
24	Warren	8	9	11	....	6	1	....	2	....	....	42	....
25	Paramuthia	36	36	36	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	24	....
26	Lebanon	4	5	4	1	6	1	....	....	....	....	48	16
29	Clermont Social	11	10	10	....	4	1	2	2	1	....	17	....
30	Columbus	4	4	4	....	12	1	....	....	....	2	37	....
33	Ebenezer	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	....
35	Mansfield	10	10	10	2	17	....	....	....	....	1	40	....
37	Mt. Moriah	5	5	5	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....
38	Highland	6	5	3	....	3	....	3	....	....	....	28	....
40	Northern Light, 1846-7	4	18	18	5	8	2	....	....	....	....	27	....
43	West Union	8	7	8	4	3	1	4	....	1	2	22	10
44	Columbia	7	7	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	....
45	Steubenville	8	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	17	....
46	Miami	10	13	11	4	10	....	2	....	1	....	83	....
47	Clinton	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	....
48	Aurora	14	10	10	1	3	1	....	....	....	....	23	32
49	Xenia	21	22	21	2	3	1	....	....	....	1	42	....
52	Wilmington	12	11	11	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	21	....
54	Milford	11	10	10	2	3	....	1	....	....	1	29	....
55	Eastern Star	5	....	....	....	1	....	1	2	....	....	15	....
57	Lancaster	2	2	3	1	8	....	....	....	2	1	35	....
58	Medina	1	1	1	....	5	....	5	....	....	....	25	....
59	Tuscarawas	5	4	4	....	4	....	....	2	....	1	21	....
60	Canton	5	4	3	3	5	....	1	....	....	....	29	....
61	Bethel	2	2	....	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	12	....
64	Mt. Vernon	1	1	1	....	2	1	....	....	....	2	13	....
67	Oxford	9	7	6	....	11	....	....	....	....	....	38	....
70	Marion	5	4	3	....	....	1	3	....	....	....	27	8
72	Georgetown	10	10	11	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	43	....
73	Temperance	9	4	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	36	....
74	Wadsworth and Seville	3	....	....	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	45	....
76	Somerset	6	6	6	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	25	....
77	Sandusky	12	9	9	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	45	10
78	Leesburg	16	11	10	....	2	1	....	....	....	....	46	....
79	Lafayette	10	12	12	4	2	1	....	....	....	1	41	....
80	Lewisburgh	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	....
81	Lafayette	13	14	17	4	7	12	3	....	....	3	102	....
82	Bolivar	7	6	4	1	4	1	1	....	....	....	32	20
83	King Solomon in Perfection	1	1	1	....	9	....	16	1	....	1	24	37
85	Jackson	7	7	8	....	3	....	3	1	....	....	23	5
87	Salem	13	12	12	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	26	....
88	Hiram	4	3	5	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	25	....
89	Friendship	5	3	2	....	1	1	....	....	....	....	31	8
90	Jefferson	10	7	3	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	24	....
91	Western Sun	7	5	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....
93	Chardon	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
94	Montgomery	8	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	1	16	....
96	Coshocton	13	12	13	2	3	1	....	....	....	....	14	....
97	Newark	13	13	13	....	4	....	4	....	....	....	42	11
98	Minerva	2	2	2	....	1	....	....	1	....	....	23	....
102	Union	13	10	9	5	....	1	....	....	....	1	16	4
103	Friendship	12	10	7	....	8	....	....	....	....	2	21	....

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104	Tarlton	8	9	9	....	4	....	1	1	....	2	8	....
105	Moriah	14	13	13	3	6	2	2	1	1	....	25	....
106	Fellowship	12	8	8	4	1	...	....	....	....	2	34	9
107	Washington	8	5	2	....	2	....	2	....	....	....	31	....
108	Washington	13	11	11	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	28	....
109	Batavia	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	....
111	Corinthian, (2 years)	10	10	10	....	2	3	....	....	....	....	26	....
112	Wood County	2	3	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	16	....
113	Clinton	27	22	21	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	23	....
114	Warrenton	4	2	4	1	3	....	....	....	....	....	22	5
115	Hanover	4	4	1	....	9	....	....	....	....	2	23	....
116	Hebron	6	5	5	....	7	2	....	....	....	1	22	....
118	Malta	8	8	8	....	4	1	....	....	....	1	17	1
119	Goshen, (2 years)	21	19	20	2	9	4	....	....	....	....	36	....
120	Marion, (2 years)	8	7	7	....	4	....	....	....	....	....	11	....
121	Mercer	12	6	6	1	2	1	4	....	....	....	19	....
122	Washington	5	4	5	....	4	....	....	....	....	1	17	....
123	Phœnix	8	5	5	....	4	....	....	....	....	1	15	....
124	Carroll	5	....	....	...	5	....	....	....	....	....	20	....
126	Sparta, 1846–7	15	15	15	....	9	....	....	....	...	1	14	....
127	Union	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
131	Vinton	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	14	....
132	Amity	7	7	3	....	....	2	....	1	....	....	28	....
133	Cincinnati	20	15	14	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	58	....
134	Columbian	18	18	16	1	4	....	....	....	....	....	22	....
135	Butlerville	11	14	13	....	3	....	....	....	....	....	19	....
136	Sharon	10	12	13	1	4	2	....	....	....	....	13	3
137	Harrisville	11	10	11	2	....	2	....	1	....	....	19	....
138	Chandler	30	20	20	4	2	....	....	....	....	....	16	....
139	Bucyrus	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
140	Cheviot	8	7	7	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	....
141	McMillan	4	4	3	18	....	....	....	....	....	....	39	....
142	Hamer	7	4	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	....
143	Greenville	6	6	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	13	....
144	Toledo	19	17	17	11	1	7	....	....	....	....	35	....
145	Malta	18	14	14	....	....	4	....	....	....	....	21	....
146	Rimmon	4	2	2	1	....	3	....	....	....	....	11	....
147	Dayton	15	12	10	4	1	2	....	....	....	....	24	....
148	Mount Olive	5	4	4	....	2	....	....	....	....	...	9	....
149	Aberdeen	4	4	4	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	17	....
150	Buckeye	6	....	....	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	....
151	Ashland	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	....
152	Venus	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	....
	Totals	1017	804	771	166	251	83	89	18	19	41	2934	239

DEATHS

That have occurred during the past year.

John Abbott, Abner Kerns and John Carlisle, of Scioto Lodge No. 6.
John R. Black and David Smith, of Harmony Lodge No. 8.
M. L. Woolery, of Franklin Lodge No. 14.
Elijah Peet, D. A. Fulsom and J. A. White, of Cleveland City Lodge No. 15.
John Greenwood and John French, of Columbus Lodge No. 30.
A. C. Holmes, of Mansfield Lodge No. 35.
A. Fague, of Milford Lodge No. 54.
Robert Dixon, of Lancaster Lodge No. 57.
George D. Biggar, of N. C. Harmony Lodge No. 2.
O. M. Reed, of Tuscarawas Lodge No. 59.
Wm. D. Galier and Enos Gilbert, of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 64.
John W. Thompson, of Lafayette Lodge No. 79.
D. Stoddard, J. L. Wicker and J. J. Collins, of Lafayette Lodge No. 81
David J. Burgher, of K. Solomon Lodge in Perfection No. 83.
James McNeil, of Montgomery Lodge No. 94.
Wm. T. Richards, of Union Lodge No. 102.
John Barton, of Wood County Lodge No. 112.
A. H. Anderson and J. Purdey, of Hanover Lodge No. 115.
Henry O'Kane, of Hebron Lodge No. 116.
William Findley, of Malta Lodge No. 118.
Micajah Selley, of Washington Lodge No. 122.
J. Manning Hall, of Phœnix Lodge No. 123.
T. L. Hart, of Sparta Lodge No. 126.

Names and Residence of members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, A. D. 1847.

Wm. B. Thrall, Wm. B. Hubbard, T. Griffith, B. Latham, Isaac Davis and H. A. Field, Columbus.
H. Trevor, Marietta.
George Keifer, Troy.
Wm. B. Dodds, Rob. Henry, Cin'ti.
A. Glasgo, Bethel.
S. W. Rickey, New Paris.
Alfred Davis, Medina.
Jabez Harlan, Wilmington.
J. L. Vattier, W. McCammon, Cin'ti.
J. T. McMullen, Milford.
Thos. H. Foulds, Goshen.
Benjamin Kidder, Harrisville.
A. S. Mount, Batavia.
Jona. Johnston, Williamsburgh.
John A. Weyer, Jacobsburg.
V. D. Enyard, Middletown.
A. Luce, Oxford.
W. H. Squires, London.
E. Parmele, Chardon.
A. S. Amberg, New Vienna.
Joseph Hildreth, A. McElvain, Wm. Hatfield and Jno. Meredith, Mansf.
R. Creighton, Akron.
Geo. W. Thompson, Eaton.
Wm. Johnston, Moscow.
Wm. B. Gray, Lewisburg.
Wm. H. Skerrett, Chillicothe.
Geo. C. McCune, St. Marys.
James E. Huston, Loudonville.
Samuel Fowler, Wm. McKee, J. H. Stone, Sharon.
John Sayre, Dayton.
Stephen Witson, Barnesville.
James Chambers, Miami.
George Brunner, John Leidy, H. Mizer, Somerset.
Jno. H. Harris, Geo. Reed, Wooster.
J. Cornelius, J. Davis, M. Seaman, Malta.
E. Barnum, Norwalk.
S. Harbaugh, Canal Dover.
S. W. Smith, Plymouth.
John M. Barrere, Hillsborough.
Thomas Maxfield, D. Sinebaugh, K. Maxfield, Norwich.
Hiram Wilson, Vinton.
J. Lakin, Dresden.
R. B. Ryan, St. Clairsville.
Wm. Trago, West Union.
W. Lillibridge, R. W. Crow, V. West, Zanesville.
Sidney Moore, Delaware.
Jonas Ward, Piqua.
George Taylor, Worthington.
M. Z. Kreider, G. Steinman, Lancaster.
Isaac Campbell, Geo. L. Shinnick, Zanesville.
J. Curtis, Emelius Wood, Wood co.
John Hurd, Isaac Johnson, Urbana.
John Mills, Dayton.
David Allen, Ashtabula.
Andrew Young, Maumee City.
John McClelland, M. Smaley, Lancaster.
Daniel Gotshall, E. L. Curry, Canton.
A. Luce, Oxford.
Nathan High, Seville.
W. Y. Emmitt, Cincinnati.
Benjamin Bennett, Josiah Harris, Coshocton.
E. Gephart, Miamisburg.
R. W. Mann, Mechanicsburg.
John McAdams, Warrenton.
M. J. Tiernan, Carrolton.
H. P. Sage, Elyria.
J. Redmond, A. P. Josselyn, T. Bell, Zanesville.
Charles Severs, Franklin.
Daniel Isgrigg, Mt. Healthy.
James McLaughlin, H. Linking, Jac. Goodlive, McConnelsville.
B. Work, Portsmouth.
Wm. B. Moore, Lebanon.
Wm. Golden, J. M. Dana, N. Root, Athens.
M. M. Laughlin, Steubenville.
L. Adams, Butlerville.
S. H. Bancroft, Jas. Cross, T. P. Owen, Newark.
Jesse W. Kittle, Wheelersburg.
L. L. Bowen, Kent Jarvis, H. W. Smith, Massillon.
L. S. Lounsbury, Toledo.
J. B. Brown, S. P. Axtell, M. Tracey, J. N. Burr, B. F. Smith, Mt. Vernon.

R. H. Culbertson, Troy.
S. Millikan, Washington.
F. W. Thornhill, West Bedford.
John A. Hivling, Xenia.
E. F. W. Ellis, Felicity.
H. Kuhn, F. M. Green, Tiffin.
H. Beeson, Circleville.
E. T. Carson, Cheviot.
J. F. Bane, C. Shearer, F. J. Davis, Brownsville.
H. H. Dodge, Cleveland.
Samuel Beach, R. H. Dodge, Joseph D. Beach, Waterford.
J. Y. Hopkins, James P. Wharton, Cumberland.
Joseph Ankeny, Millersburgh.
Samuel Wintrode, Hebron.
J. H. Robbins, Tarlton.
A. Death, J. Ernst, C. F. Dempsey, Wm. P. Strickland, S. Reed, Cincinnati.
William Fielding, Sidney.
M. D. Brock, W. C. Gallaher, P. S. Wiseman, New Salem.
N. Benjamin, West Alexandria.
J. M. Stone, Samuel Fowler, Wm. McKee, Sharon.
J. E. Jewett, Bucyrus.
W. M. Wilson, Greenville.
John E. McGaw, Bethlehem.
Caleb Atherton, Aberdeen.
David Fagan, New Richmond.
D. F. Deming, Ashland.

NOTE.—Should there be any omi-sion in the foregoing list, the Representatives will remember that they have neglected to register their names in the proper manner. GRAND SECRETARY.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE FROM THE DATE OF ITS ORGANIZATION, IN 1808, TO THE YEAR 1847.

A. D.	Grand Master.	Dep. G. Master.	G. Sen. Warden	G. Jun. Warden.	Gr. Treasurer.	Gr. Secretary.	Gr. Sr. Deacon.	Gr. Jr. Deacon.	Grand Chaplain.	Grand Tyler.
1808.	Rufus Putnam.	T. Henderson ..	George Tod	Isaac Van Horne	Henry Massie ..	David Putnam..	Phil'n Beecher.	Levin Belt.....	.....	Peter Spurck.
1809.	S. Huntington..	Lewis Cass.....	Wm. Skinner ..	Wm. Rayen....	Henry Massie ..	Henry Brush...	Phil'n Beecher.	Tho. Kirker....	.....	Peter Spurck.
1810.	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	George Tod	Jas. Kilbourn ..	P. Beecher.....	Henry Brush...	Geo. F. Tennery	Daniel Convers.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1811.	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	George Tod	Jas. Kilbourn ..	P. Beecher.....	Henry Brush...	J. Woodbridge .	Daniel Convers.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1812.	Lewis Cass.....	Jacob Burnet ..	Henry Brush...	E. W. Tupper ..	P. Beecher.....	A.L Langham..	J. Woodbridge .	R. Kercheval ..	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1813.	Henry Brush...	Jas. Kilbourn..	E. W. Tupper ..	Levin Belt.....	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Rial McArthur.	Edw. Matthews.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1814.	Henry Brush...	Jas. Kilbourn..	E. W. Tupper ..	Levin Belt.....	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Rial McArthur.	Solomon Smith.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1815.	Henry Brush...	T. Kirtland	E. W. Tupper ..	C. Griswold	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Rial McArthur.	Solomon Smith.	H. M. Currey...	Peter Spurck.
1816.	Henry Brush...	John S. Gano ..	Ches. Griswold.	E. Matthews...	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	John Kerr	Solomon Smith.	Jacob Lindley..	John Hellings.
1817.	Henry Brush...	P. Beecher.....	Ches. Griswold.	W. H. Hopkins .	David Kinkead.	R. Kercheval...	Aaron Casad...	James Gates...	Jos. S. Hughes .	John Hellings.
1818.	C. Griswold....	Phineas Ross ..	John Snow.....	A. I. McDowell.	Lincoln Goodale	B. Gardiner....	Aaron Casad...	Arory Buttles..	Phil'r Chase...	James Hooker.
1819.	John Snow.....	Phineas Ross ..	A. I. McDowell .	Joseph Vance ..	L. Goodale.....	B. Gardiner....	Arory Buttles..	R. R. Chapman.	Thos. G. Jones.	Horace Wolcott.
1820.	John Snow.....	E. Whittlesey..	B. Gardiner....	Anax. Warner..	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	J. D. Dietrick ..	Thor. L. White.	Phil'r Chase...	William Long.
'21–2	John Snow.....	E. Whittlesey..	John Cotton ...	T. B. Van Horn.	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	Timothy Baker.	Solomon Smith.	Jos. S. Hughes .	William Long.
1823.	John Snow.....	Thos. Corwin...	Sam'l R. Miller.	Sam'l Wheeler.	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	James Gates..	John T. Jones..	Roger Searle...	William Long.
1824.	C. R. Sherman .	Henry Bacon...	Sam'l R. Miller.	Sam'l Wheeler.	L. Goodale.....	A. I. McDowell .	John T. Jones..	Thomas Orr....	Jas. McAboy...	William Long.
1825.	Wm. W. Irvin..	S. R. Miller	Sam'l Wheeler .	G. R. Fitzgerald	L. Goodale.....	Henry Brown ..	Stephen Fales..	Wm. B. Thrall .	Ezra B. Kellogg.	Solomon Sisco.
1826.	Sam'l Wheeler.	Richard Collins.	Stephen Fales ..	Wm. Greene ...	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	Moses Levi.....	Samuel Denny.	Jas. McAboy...	William John.
1827.	J. M. Goodenow	Thos. Corwin...	Wm. R. Foster .	Roswell Stone..	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	David Spangler.	Wm. Coolman..	Geo. C. Sedwick	William John.
1828.	Thos. Corwin ..	Joshua Downer.	G. R. Fitzgerald	Chas. K. Smith.	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	Joseph Grubb..	Henry B. Curtis	Rob't Punshon.	William John.
1829.	John Snow.....	Timothy Baker.	John H. James.	Hosmer Curtis .	L. Goodale.....	Bela Latham...	David S. Davis..	Wm. B. Thrall..	Pleas. Thurman	William John.
1830.	Wm. Fielding..	D. Spangler....	John H. James.	J. R. Giddings..	L. Goodale.....	J. L. Starling...	Wm. J. Reese ..	Geo. Humphrey	Wm. H. Raper.	William John.
1831.	J. Satterthwaite	Wm. Gwynn ...	Allison Owen ..	George James..	L. Goodale.....	J. L. Starling...	Wm. J. Reese ..	W. G. Emmitt..	J. C. Bennett...	William John.
1832.	Chas. Anthony.	Geo. James	Timothy Baker.	P. H. Olmsted..	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	Nicholas Sinks.	Geo. Keifer	A. W. Elliott...	William John.
1833.	Timothy Baker.	Wm. J. Reese..	Adam Peters...	George Keifer..	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	J. Quinlan.....	Harvy D. Little.	G. A. Patterson.	William John.
1834.	Wm. J. Reese ..	P. H. Olmsted..	Henry Sage....	Wm. B. Thrall .	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	Geo. R. Morton.	Gab. Carpenter.	John Brown ...	Anson Smith.
1835.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Adam Peters...	Absolem Death.	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	G. C. Gephart ..	A. T. Holcomb .	J. B. Crist.....	John Zeigler.
1836.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Samuel Reed...	Geo. R. Morton.	L. Goodale.....	J. C. Broderick.	G. C. Gephart ..	J. A. McConnell.	H. Matthews...	John Zeigler.
1837.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Samuel Reed...	J. C. Broderick.	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Ran. M. Sinks..	J. A. Reed	Isaac C. Hunter.	Geo.W. Claspill.
1838.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall.	Isaac C. Copelen	John M. Gray ..	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Ran. M. Sinks..	Ar. C. Davis ...	Isaac C. Hunter.	Geo.W. Claspill.
1839.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall .	Isaac C. Copelen	John M. Barrere	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Geo. L. Shinnick	John Johnston.	A. W. Elliott...	Geo.W. Claspill.
1840.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall .	Isaac C. Copelen	John M. Barrere	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Geo. L. Shinnick	John Johnston.	Jos. A. Roof....	Geo.W. Claspill.
1841.	Wm. J. Reese ..	Wm. B. Thrall .	Isaac C. Copelen	John M. Barrere	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Geo. L. Shinnick	John Johnston.	Jos. A. Roof....	Geo.W. Claspill.
1842.	Wm. J. Reese ..	David T. Disney	Geo. D. Hine...	Geo. Keifer	George Myers ..	Jas. D. Caldwell	Benj. F. Smith.	John A. Weyer.	Jos. A. Roof....	Geo.W. Claspill.
1843.	Wm. B. Thrall .	David T. Disney	W. B. Hubbard.	Geo. Keifer	John G. Willock	Jas. D. Caldwell	Theop. Keckler.	Geo. D. Palmer.	W. P. Strickland	Geo.W. Claspill.
1844.	Wm. B. Thrall .	David T. Disney	W. B. Hubbard.	Geo. Keifer	John G. Willock	John T. Arthur.	F. W. Thornhill.	Benj. F. Smith.	W. P. Strickland	Geo.W. Claspill.
1845.	Wm. B. Thrall .	M. M. Laughlin.	Geo. Keifer	Jona. N. Burr ..	Timothy Griffith	John T. Arthur.	Kent Jarvis ...	Miles J. Tiernan	Erastus Burr ..	John Sayer.
1846.	Wm. B. Thrall .	Geo. Keifer	M. Z. Kreider ..	Jona. N. Burr..	Timothy Griffith	Benj. F. Smith .	Kent Jarvis....	Jacob Ernst....	Anson Clark ...	Isaac Campbell.
1847.	M. Z. Kreider ..	J. L. Vattier ...	Jona. N. Burr..	Kent Jarvis....	Timothy Griffith	Benj. F. Smith .	Thomas Bell ...	L. L. Bowen ...	George Holmes.	G. Steinman.

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